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WITH 18,000-WORKER CAP

Kilili, Torres want 10-year extension of CW program

» Labor, biz groups outline immediate fixes to CW crisis

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REPORTER

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) will introduce a bill in U.S. Congess next week to extend the CNMI's contract worker program for 10 years with a cap set at 18,000 workers.

Sablan, who will be introducing the bill the same week that Gov. Ralph DLG Torres begins official talks with White House special representative Esther Kia'aina on remedies to local labor and immigration issues, among others, disclosed this at a meeting with business and labor groups on Capitol Hill yesterday afternoon.

"Why don't I just go ahead and push for status like I did before? I

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DENNIS B. CHAN
Workforce and business leaders met with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) on current issues with the contract worker program at the Office of the Governor conference room yesterday.

Panel for 902 talks assembled

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» Torres forms team to 'fight for' CW program extension

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has assembled the members to represent the CNMI in talks with the federal government on pressing issues of labor and immigration and U.S. military projects.

Torres, who will be meeting with the President Obama's special representative Esther Kia'aina and her team on June 6 in Washington, D.C., sent a letter to Kia'iana on May 30, 2016, to provide the names of the team, an 11-team panel that includes department heads, Torres staff, and attorneys, among others.

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DPW clearing operation allegedly triggers bushfire in As Gonno

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A clearing operation by the Department of Public Works at a Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality project in a jungle area allegedly triggered yesterday afternoon a big bushfire across Guangdong Hardware in As Gonno. Another bushfire

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A truck and a hydromower caught fire in a jungle area in As Gonno yesterday afternoon. The fire destroyed about three acres of vegetation.

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Copper wire stolen anew from Beach Road Pathway

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The Marianas Visitors Authority's Beach Road Pathway Lighting Project is not even complete yet, but 1,500 feet of copper wire worth $1,500 were already stolen.

Rep. Edwin Propst (Ind-Saipan) was the first to disclose the copper wire theft incident through his Facebook account.

Department of Public Safety acting spokesman Jason Tarkong confirmed that it was reported on Saturday that 1,500 feet of copper wire were stolen from the Microl traffic intersection under the boardwalk of the pedestrian pathway on Beach Road.

Propst told *Saipan Tribune* that he learned about the incident after a member of the MVA board of directors sent him an email.

"I'm outraged!" Propst said.

The lawmaker said the Department of Public Safety needs to conduct better patrolling of Beach Road.

"We need to ensure that it doesn't happen again. Otherwise, it's just a waste of taxpayers' money," Propst said.

In his Facebook post yesterday, Propst said what is disturbing about this theft is that it is happening right along Beach Road, where people are always driving at all times of the day and night.

"Are these thieves invisible? Are they ninjas? Are they cloaked in black? Of course not. They are just confident they will never ever, ever, ever get arrested," he said.

Tarkong said that on Saturday police officers responded to the location where they met with an employee of RNB Construction.

Police learned that the copper wire lines were installed into the PVC pipes used for the lamplights on the pathway.

After installing the wires, RNB employees departed the area on Thursday morning, May 26.

On Saturday at 7:30am, RNB employees discovered the lines were cut and pulled out of the PVC pipes housing the copper wires installed under the boardwalk.

Tarkong said DPS and Crime Stoppers Program are seeking the public's help for information about the theft.

In 2011, police arrested Primo K. Ogarto who was allegedly caught in the act of stealing copper wire along the pathway.

Police said Ogarto's action affected the pathway's wiring system from Oleai Beach Club down to the Fire Station in western Garapan.

MVA again started the Beach Road Pathway Lighting project in the latter part of 2015.

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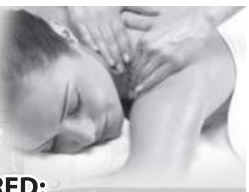

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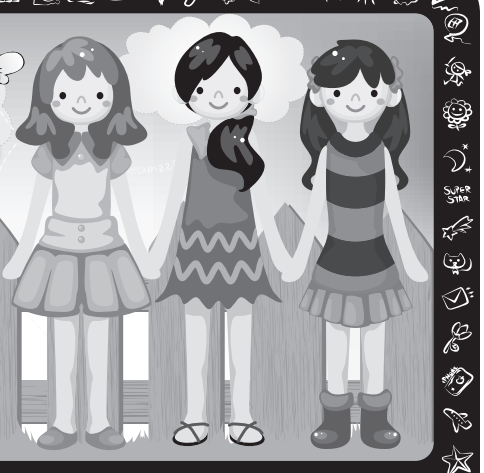

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Son of late former Saipan mayor appeals to 9th Circuit

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The son of former Saipan mayor Donald Flores and Cecilia U. Flores is appealing to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit the federal court's dismissal of his late mother's $40-million lawsuit.

Derron G. Flores, through counsel Juan T. Lizama, notified the U.S. District Court for the NMI that on behalf of his late mother, Cecilia, he is appealing to the Ninth Circuit to reverse the federal court's dismissal of the case.

Derron Flores is also appealing to the Ninth Circuit to overturn the federal court's denial of his motion to substitute him as plaintiff in the lawsuit.

Derron Flores is also asking the Ninth Circuit to reverse the federal court's denial of his motion for U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona to recuse from the case.

Last April 25, Manglona denied Derron Flores' motion for her to recuse from his mother's $40-million lawsuit.

Derron Flores filed his motion to recuse the next day after Manglona heard his request to substitute as plaintiff for his mother, Cecilia, who passed away in September 2015.

In denying Derron Flores' request to recuse, Manglona ruled that a reasonable person with knowledge of all the facts would not question her impartiality in this case because of the participation of her husband, CNMI Supreme Court Associate Justice John A. Manglona, in the Indalecio vs. Yarofalir decision.

Manglona said the central issue in that motion to substitute is whether Cecilia Flores' claims against defendants survive her and may be continued by her son, Derron.

The defendants in Cecilia Flores' lawsuit are MUFG Union Bank, Ken Kato, and Victoria B. Concepcion. She sued the defendants over a bank manager's alleged unauthorized release of Donald Flores' money years prior to his death from his $200,000

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Tinian wants humanitarian parole for affected TDHC staff

Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas and the Tinian Leadership, in a June 1, 2016 joint letter, wrote to David Gulick, District Director for the Western Region for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service in Honolulu, Hawaii, requesting for the granting of humanitarian parole status for the affected Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino employees.

Since the denial of their I-129 CW petitions in December 2014, these employees have suffered a great deal as "the denial of their petition has left them without a legal status by which they may seek a transfer to another employer" and "they cannot legally work," said the joint letter.

San Nicolas

With this situation as well as facing disconnection from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., an already desperate situation will become an emergency humanitarian issue in a matter of days. "We are requesting that special consideration be given to these individuals and afford them the opportunity to have a lawful status through either the grant of an Employment Authorization Card or a Humanitarian Parole so that they may be eligible to seek employment elsewhere," said the mayor and Tinian Leadership.

In addition, their petition denial in December 2014, which was based on their employer's conduct further imposed a 10-year bar from returning to the CNMI. All in all, San Nicolas said, "as we look at the close to 200 employees affected, we can already see the humanitarian impact on the employees and their children."

"As we prepare for the worst-case scenario through our emergency operation team, we are requesting USCIS to grant this status to help with the situation. The leadership on Tinian hopes for a favorable response so that we can more effectively assist these employees and their children. We are committed to assisting these families as they are part of our community," he said. ***(PR)***

KILILI

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want to but the composition of Congress has changed," Sablan said, noting Republican ranks that have ousted its own Republicans like former Rep. Eric Cantor in primary election, and how they "kicked out" former House speaker John Boehner.

"…That's power," Sablan said.

Society of Human Resources Management immediate past president Frank Gibson called the bill "necessary." "The present bill was done during a time of declining economy. We are out of that now. We need to have a continuation of the program. It's just something that is logical at this point."

The business and labor groups pressed Sablan and Torres yesterday on immediate fixes to the current contract worker crisis, which stems from a breached worker cap this fiscal year and the federal government's notice last month that they would reject CW petitions received after a May 5, 2016 deadline and that these foreign workers whose petitions were rejected and their families would be required to leave the CNMI no later than 10 days after their permits expire.

That means approximately 1,300 workers have been affected by the federal government's decision, not including family members, the SHRM NMI Chapter, Hotel Association of the Northern Marianas Islands, and the Saipan and Chamber of Commerce said in joint resolution issued yesterday.

These 1,300 workers "represents 15 percent of the total workforce currently in the day-to-day operations of existing CNMI businesses," the resolution states.

Tan Holdings vice president Alex Sablan also warned of a huge shift of this contract worker bulk to construction workers. In the meeting with Delegate Sablan and Torres, he noted a potential 80 to 85 percent of current workers being replaced by new construction workers for development projects, which would cause the economy to "immediately" collapse.

Alex Sablan was referring to recent CNMI Department of Labor numbers that show they have approved 5,284 workers to be exempt in the workforce participation for construction project purposes. These workers are "related to the Grand Mariana project," DOL said, or Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC's casino resort in Garapan.

"That is absolutely something we want to stress here," said Alex Sablan. "If nothing is done, between May 5, the timeline that they provided for, and the end of the year, next year's quota will be filled by these workers. So what we are talking about here is the entire economy collapsing because they are filled by construction workers versus the people that are operating our economy, the current CW workforce."

Joint resolution

The joint resolution urges a slew of federal agencies and departments and the CNMI government to work together to adopt necessary, comprehensive, and workable reforms to the CNMI-only transitional worker program.

Among many others, the joint resolutions asks the federal government to recognize the hardship that this unexpected situation places on foreign workers and their families, as well as on businesses that are losing key staff without replacements, and that they work together to find ways to allow these foreign workers and their families to remain in the CNMI and work and be counted toward the CW-1 cap for FY 2017.

The groups ask that USCIS hold all extension petitions that are affected by the CW-1 caps for fiscal year 2016, neither rejecting nor denying them, and allow the foreign workers who are affected to remain in lawful status while their petitions are pending.

This means that a current regulation would also allow the workers for up to 240 days, that is up to October 2016, at which time the CW-1 visa petition could be approved pursuant to the CW-1 cap for fiscal year 2017 and for a period that allows a one-year extension.

"All [U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services] has to do is sit on petitions," said SHRM immediate past president Frank Gibson said, "hold them, and while petitions are pending [they] are in lawful status, and when they are in lawful status, they can work for 240 days, which will take us to October."

The joint resolution ties into concerns with construction workers eating up a bulk of the contract worker cap, when these workers can apply for H-category visas.

"If the companies themselves will not restrict themselves to putting employees on the proper visa—maybe we need to regulate it," Gibson told reporters yesterday.

The groups asks that the local labor department implement and process or come up with a system—with the assistance of the federal agencies—where it can identify the types of job that CW-1 petitions have been submitted for and CW-1 visas approved so that the CNMI can better plan for the transition period and phase-out of the CNMI nonresident contract worker program.

It asks that USCIS "immediately identifies and returns" any pending or future CW-petitions for foreign workers who may be H-1 or H-2 eligible and requires that the appropriate visa category and petition be filed for these foreign workers.

They notably ask that USCIS "immediately reverses the approval of CW-1 petitions for temporary, project-specific H-2B visa eligible construction workers who are not presently in the CNMI and that these CW-1 petitions for such categories of construction workers should not be included in the CW-1 cap for FY 2016."

And that USCIS rejects all CW petitions for temporary, project specific H-2B visa eligible construction workers that are submitted in the future.

The groups, among others, ask USCIS to identify long-term foreign workers and develop a system to reserve sufficient numbers of CW-1 visas within the fiscal year cap specifically for foreign workers who have had CW-1 status for at least five years and who filed for renewal or extension within ninety-one (91) days of the expiration of their respective CW-1 visas.

They also ask the CNMI government, by statutory or regulatory change, require all businesses to follow the established prevailing wages for all positions, including for all CW-1 and H-category visas.

"…The [Consolidated Natural Resources Act] was passed at a time when the CNMI economy was in a decline and that the CNRA is no longer appropriate for the CNMI's present situation," the groups state, urging the CNMI governor and U.S. representative to work together with the federal government to amend applicable law and regulations to achieve the "CNRA's objective that the transition period would minimize adverse economic and fiscal effects to the CNMI and its people and maximize the CNMI's potential for future economic and business growth."

"Because of the upswing in investment in the Commonwealth, the demand for skilled and unskilled labor presently outpaces the available labor pool," SHRM said in a separate statement. "The law no longer fits our situation and, if not amended, will be disastrous for the CNMI.

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Heavy on the mind of Torres is the expiring contract worker program in 2019 whose shrinking cap has been breached this year, forcing contract workers who did not meet a May 5, 2016, deadline to leave the Commonwealth.

"This whole 902 process has been very much a working relationship with Congressman Kilili [Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan]. We've been meeting every day since Monday. I want the business community to know, as well their families and CW workers, that we have the same language with the Congressman Kilili. We are all fighting for the same thing entering our conference next week Monday."

"We speak in one language," he said, referring to Sablan's plans to introduce a bill to amend the contract worker program next week, while Torres is in Washington, D.C.

Torres will be the CNMI's special representative opposite Kia'aina.

Listed as "principles" on the team are Edith Deleon Guerrero, the secretary of the CNMI Department of Labor, and Marianne C. Teregeyo, the Secretary of the Department of Public Lands.

In "support" are Tinian Mayor Joey San Nicolas; Rota Mayor Efraim Atalig; Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan); Sen. Arnold Palacios (R-Saipan); Torres' chief of staff Matt Deleon Guerrero; Torres legal counsel Wesley M. Bogdan; Tan Holdings corporation vice president Alex A. Sablan; Rose Cuison Villazor, professor of law, UC Davis; and Matthew Adams, partner at the law firm Dentons LLC.

DPW

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also occurred in Kagman yesterday afternoon.

When *Saipan Tribune* left the area late afternoon yesterday, fire fighters were still on standby as thick smoke could still be seen.

No one was reported injured during the fire that was reported at 3:14pm.

A pickup truck and heavy equipment that were said to be used during the clearing operation caught fire. It's not clear whether they belong to BECQ or the Department of Public Works.

Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services spokesman Derek Gersonde said the fire swept about three acres of vegetation.

Gersonde said initial investigation showed that BECQ employees were testing samples underground of the water aquifer for possible jet fuel contamination in the area that used to be a fuel farm.

The DPW crew was clearing the area to make an access road. Fire broke out when a truck pulled out the hydromower that got stuck.

Gersonde said apparently friction triggered the fire.

He said investigation is still ongoing to determine the cause of fire.

The fire immediately spread to the bushes in the area located near the traffic lights intersection of As Perdido Road and Monsignor Guerrero Road.

Police and firefighters rerouted the traffic flow and blocked motorists from the intersection as thick smoke blanketed the vicinity.

Firefighters prevented the fire from spreading to a house in the area and some Commonwealth Utilities Corp. power poles.

Gersonde said he has no information yet regarding the Kagman bushfire.

A two-day wildland fire that began on Monday destroyed over 100 acres of vegetation on Capital Hill, Wireless Ridge, and Talafofo.

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time certificate of deposit to a person representing him.

Associate Justice John Manglona was one of three justices who decided the Indalecio case.

In denying the motion, Manglona said a judge must disqualify herself "in any proceeding in which [her] impartiality might reasonably be questioned."

Manglona said Derron Flores' description of the situation is inaccurate.

Manglona said this matter is not the same as Indalecio case, and the issues are different.

In a separate order, Manglona denied Derron Flores' request to substitute as plaintiff to allow him to pursue his mother's lawsuit against a bank and its former employees.

In the same order, the judge dismissed without prejudice Cecilia Flores' lawsuit. Dismissal without prejudice means the case can be re-filed in the future.

Manglona ruled that because Cecilia Flores' claims were extinguished when she died in September 2015, Derron Flores' motion to substitute him as plaintiff in the lawsuit is denied.

When Donald Flores died in June 2014, Cecilia Flores was appointed administratrix in the probate of his estate.

Jetnil-Kijiner joins opposition to military buildup

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Marshallese poet and climate change activist Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner is supporting the local community's opposition to the planned U.S. military buildup in the CNMI and the proposed use of Pagan Island as a training facility.

The Alternative Zero Coalition is one of the groups that were formed to oppose the plan of bombing and using the island as a live training range of the U.S. military. An online petition, Save Pagan Island was also started.

Jetinil-Kijiner said she understands how the Chamorros and Carolinians feel especially with Bikini Atoll, which consists of 23 islands that were part of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, having been used for nuclear weapons—atom and hydrogen bombs—testing.

"The Marshall Islands people understand what the Chamorros and Carolinians of the CNMI is feeling right now. Our islands were used for nuclear testing. The voice of the indigenous people must always be taken into account," said Jetinil-Kijiner.

"It's dangerous and I think you know if people are against it, the idea of military buildup, listen to them and support what the indigenous people want," added Jetinil-Kijiner, who made known the Pacific Islanders' issues when she spoke in the United Nations Climate Summit in 2014.

Jetinil-Kijiner added that she grew up hearing stories about the Marshall Islands being used as a nuclear testing site. "For me, who grew up with the Marshall Islands having the legacy of nuclear testing, we've seen how far reaching the consequences are. They're still going on today."

She said that the people here should focus more on ecotourism and promote the culture and its people, but at the same time should not ignore protecting indigenous lands.

The U.S. military, in several stories printed on the *Saipan Tribune*, had backtracked saying that they would be using inert bombs and would even reduce the area of bomb targets on Pagan—an uninhabited volcanic island 320 km north of Saipan that has a diverse ecosystem.

Marshallese people, even after more than 60 years since the last nuclear weapon was tested, are still afraid to go back to Bikini Atoll fearing contamination and its affects. The testing was part of the U.S. and Russia's cold war nuclear arms race after World War II.

Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner, left, talks with Carolinian historian and writer Lino Olopai, right, after last Wednesday's poetry workshop conducted by the Marshallese poet and environmental activist at the Northern Marianas College.

JON PEREZ

Jetinil-Kijiner made a brief stop on Saipan after attending the 2016 Festival of the Pacific Arts in Guam where she also performed as part of the Marshall Islands delegation. She was also a guest in forums both in the FestPac's 12th edition and the Pacific Asia Travel Association Summit.

Jetinil-Kijiner was on island and held a poetry and writing workshop last Wednesday at the Northern Marianas College. More than 40 students, high school and college, attended the Northern Marianas Humanities Council-sponsored workshop.

National Geographic and AP contributing journalist Daniel Lin joined Jetinil-Kijiner in the trip to Saipan.

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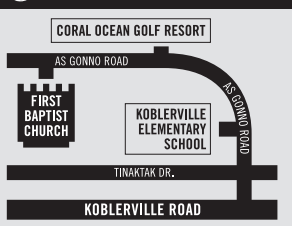

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2015 LibDay Royal Court ends promo tour

The 2015 Miss CNMI Liberation Royal Court's promotional journey of the CNMI ended last Monday after making Tinian their last stop. The journey of the four young ladies started after their July 2015 coronation.

The CNMI-wide tour is part of the Royal Court's efforts to promote the CNMI as a prime tourist destination.

"The trips served a dual purpose—education and promotion. Some of these young ladies have never been to the islands of Tinian and Rota," said Miss CNMI Liberation Day Royal Court chair Rose Hocog.

"As ambassadors of the CNMI, they have a duty to promote the islands. In order to do that well, they needed to experience the islands, the people, the food, learn about the stories and histories of the different sites."

Mary Jane Anon, one of the three Royal Princesses, said they became public servants on the day they signed up to be candidates last year.

"As titleholders and public figures we needed to do our part to help the CNMI economy through its oldest industry—tourism. Although some of us work as cultural dancers, the trips gave us the opportunity to do more to promote the CNMI."

First princess Ashley Tabilisima said she and her "sisters" also became part of history last year when they attended Rota's first Liberation Day parade.

"We were there for only a short period of time, but we were able to visit and do photo shoots at beautiful tourist spots like the Swimming Hole, the Cross, the big gun, and the small island."

Last Monday, three members of the 2015 Royal Court, along with Hocog and Skywalker's Sophia Alvarez, flew to Tinian to join 2016 Miss CNMI Libration Day candidate Malena Hofschneider and local officials in the Memorial Day service honoring the island's fallen soldiers.

Tinian Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas and the members of the Tinian Legislative Delegation were also present during the Memorial Day commemoration. The group also attended the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Veteran's Pavilion.

"We were only on Tinian for a few hours, but we were able to visit the Bomb Pits, Invasion Beach, the Blow Hole, House of Taga, and the beautiful Taga Beach," said 2015 Miss CNMI Liberation Queen Zolenska Yaroitemal.

"Just like on Rota, we had our pictures taken and took selfies at the different places and posted it on our Facebook pages. This is to show our friends, families, and all who are connected to us on social media who have never been to Tinian and Rota, how beautiful the islands are."

Star Marianas sponsored the trip to Tinian. ***(PR)***

Cooking contest, ornamental division added to '16 Ag Fair

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One of the highlights of the Ag Fair is children being able to see a live cow or pig.

The Saipan and Northern Islands Farmers Association announced that it will add a cooking contest and an ornamental division to this year's Ag Fair, slated for June 25.

Dishes shall be judged based on the number of local ingredients used in the recipe, taste, presentation, and the health aspect. First prize shall be $150; second prize is $100, and third prize $75. There is a $25 entry fee; with entry per family. All dishes must be cooked on-site.

Details of the ornamental division has not yet been finalized. However, registration is ongoing for the animal and plant divisions. Vic Deleon Guerrero, a longtime member of the planning committee and this year's rules chairman, says sustaining the fair is also helping to sustain our economy. The fair is a way to acknowledge the hardworking ranchers and farmers. He adds, "I hope they [farmers, ranchers] will show up at the orientation meeting so we can hear their concerns."

Prizes for the plant category total $7,000, while the animal category shall reach $4,000. Farmers and ranchers are encouraged to start preparing their crops and livestock for entry, and they need to pre-register.

The 2016 Ag Fair will take place on Saturday, June 25, at the Public Market in Garapan. For general inquiries, please call DLNR at 322-9834, NMC CREES at 234-9630, or the Division of Agriculture at 256-3319. ***(PR)***

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CPA-RFP-015-16

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is accepting seals proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals (RFP), and other contract provisions, for proposals from individuals, professional firms, companies and/or corporations to provide instructional training services specific to airports pertaining to the requirements imposed by 14 CFR Part 139, and related federal airport and safety policies applicable to airfield operations and Part 139 certificate holders including programs contained in the Airport Certification Manual (ACM). The successful proposer shall conduct instructional programs at the Aircraft Rescue Firefighting (ARFF) facility, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Proposals must be submitted to the CPA Administration Office, 2nd floor of the Arrival Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands no later than **4:30 PM, FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2016.** Proposals received after this date and time will not be considered and will be returned unopened. One original and three copies of each proposal shall be submitted in sealed envelopes marked as 'Confidential' and each envelope must include the RFP number on the outside. It is the sole responsibility of a proposer to submit its proposal or proposals in a timely manner.

A Proposal Package consisting of the Scope of Work and further details is available for pick up at the CPA Administration Office, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Terminal, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. There is no charge for the proposal package.

This RFP is issued pursuant to Chapter 40-50, Procurement Rules and Regulations of Title 40 of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC). Title 40, including Chapter 40-50-225, Request for Proposals, is applicable to the process followed by the RFP.

Questions and inquiries regarding this Request for Proposals shall be submitted in writing and may be delivered to the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the Saipan International Airport, faxed to (670) 234-5962 or emailed to cpa.admin@pticom.com.

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

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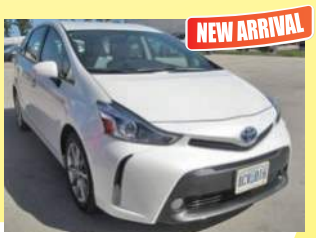

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Dandan Middle School promotes 101 students

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Board of Education awardee Kobe Mendiola Deleon Guerrero poses for a photo with his family flanked by school and government officials.

Dandan Middle School promoted 101 students at Saipan World Resort's Taga Ballroom yesterday morning. Themed, "Believe you can and you're halfway there," parents, family members, and friends filled the standing-room only venue to witness the students take their next step.

School principal Lynn Mendiola recognized the hardship the students and their families faced as the start of the school year was met with destruction from Typhoon Soudelor.

"Our campus was on the brink of closing down, homes were destroyed, and to this day water isn't fully recovered at all villages. All of us were affected by this tragedy one way or another and yet look where we are at today," she said. "We have successfully completed this school year. We rebuilt, we unified, and we recovered.

She added, "The fine young men and women accomplished a lot despite the hardship the island was facing."

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan, Board of Education chair Herman T. Guerrero, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog, school officials, and dignitaries joined in congratulating the students and their parents.

"We are celebrating the investment they have done for themselves and for you," the commissioner told those in attendance. "Thank all those who have been at your side, who guided you, and have held your hands to lead you to where you are today."

The Board of Education Award was presented to Kobe Mendiola Deleon Guerrero and the Commissioner's Award was given to Ro'anna Tudela. Deleon Guerrero and Tudela were hailed as their class valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively.

DMS student council president Britney Espinosa received the prestigious leadership award for her involvement in school and community activities.

In his remarks, Deleon Guerrero said he is "ecstatic" to see the fruits of his labor.

"DMS has provided many opportunities to challenge myself. These opportunities are what nurtured my knowledge and skills," he added. "It was an enjoyable experience…all of my achievement would not have been possible without the positive and encouraging guidance from the people around me."

For her part, Tudela expressed her gratitude for her parents, teachers and friends. "We are now ready to take on the next stage of our lives. We made it this far and we know we can make it even farther, she said. "…I know that we can all achieve great things."

The students concluded their promotion ceremony with a performance of Miley Cyrus' "The Climb."

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Students take their seats as the promotion ceremony for Dandan Middle School began yesterday at the Saipan World Resort.

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6/19 Father's Day Brunch $25 *Seafood & Sushi Night* Reg.: $35 (Local: $25)	6/20	6/21 *Seafood & Sushi Night* Reg.: $35 (Local: $25)	6/22 Buffet Lunch $14 *Seafood & Sushi Night* Reg.: $35 (Local: $25)	6/23	6/24 Buffet Lunch $14 *Seafood Night* Reg.: $35 (Local: $25)	6/25 *Seafood Night* Reg.: $35 (Local: $25)
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The Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA) will put up for sale, its 2002 Nissan Frontier XE located at its ROTA OFFICE. The sell will be made by competitive sealed bids. Minimum bid acceptable for the vehicle is $3,500 and bids should be submitted by 10:00 a.m., Friday, June 17, 2016 at the CDA Office, Tamara & 7 Brothers, Songsong, Rota. Bid opening and award to the highest bidder will follow right after the 10:00 a.m. closing. All bids will be publicly announced.

Full payment of the bid amount is required before the property can be removed from the CDA Office. Such payment shall be in U.S. Currency or Certified Check made payable on demand in U.S. Currency to the Commonwealth Development Authority. Payment must be received by 3:00 p.m., June 17, 2016. Failure to make full payment will cause award to be null and void and the next highest bid will be considered.

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VEHICLE SPECIFICATION

MAKE:	Nissan
MODEL:	Frontier XE
COLOR:	White
YEAR:	2002
MECHANICAL:	6 Cylinder/Automatic/Power Steering and Power Brakes
MILEAGE:	67,699
OTHER FEATURES:	Air Condition – Not working AM/FM Radio Cassette 2 new black tires
CONDITION:	Fair

/s/ **MANUEL A. SABLAN**
Executive Director

ESFDB holds kindergarten, junior high graduation

Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja held its kindergarten and eighth grade graduation ceremony and undergraduate promotion and recognition day last May 27.

Six kindergartens and one junior high graduate received their diplomas and other special recognition awards.

Parents, friends, teachers, and specially honored guests witnessed the achievements of the graduates.

While the school junior high graduation only has one graduate, it was more about quality versus quantity.

"It's our goal to give each of our student's individual attention to help them reach their goals for themselves and prepare them for high school. And being a small Catholic school, we have the ability to do that," said administrator/principal Carmen H. Atalig.

"The day marks the culmination of a rigorous and action packed year filled with learning and growth and signifies a step forward. The graduates rightfully deserve the rewards and recognition that Graduation Day brings and it is both a pleasure and an honor to share this celebration with them and their parents," added Atalig.

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Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja kindergarten and eighth grade graduates pose with honored guest Tanya King, Sens. Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) and Teresita Santos (R-Rota), and school administrator/principal Carmen H. Atalig.

"Despite the challenges that Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja has faced along the way, I am proud of its progress and more especially of its graduates. I take pride in their historical event, and the progress of the school and most especially its students," said board chair Edward Maratita Jr.

Maratita added, "The work and leadership of the administrator (Carmen Atalig) with the assistance of her seasoned teachers are exceptional. The graduates are proof of the excellent work at ESFDB."

Graduating from the schools kindergarten program are Aaron Kyle J. Cortes, Edward Q. Hocog, III, Eianne M. Ladao, Keeff G. Matondo, Ryder S. Mendiola, and Ricalene U. Oropilla.

The following kindergarten graduates were given achievement awards in:

- **Super Reader Award:** Keeff Matondo and Eianne Ladao
- **Star Reader Award:** Ryder S. Mendiola
- **Shining Star Award:** Aaron Kyle Cortes, Edward Q. Hocog, III, and Ricalene Oropilla
- **Albert Einstein Award:** Keeff G. Matondo
- **Saint Joseph Award:** Ricalene Oropilla
- **Most Improved Award:** Ryder Mendiola

The lone junior high graduate and class salutatorian is Angelo S. Lucero.

Angelo received the following awards—Board of Director's Award, Knight of the Altar, Presidential Academic Award, Leadership Award, and Academic Subjects area.

The administration, faculty, and staff, students, and board of direction would like to extend their appreciation the parents, Public School System Rota Board representative Tanya King and Sergeant Major Herman Atalig, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), Sen. Teresita Santos (R-Rota), and Sen. Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota). ***(PR)***

DPW asks for motorists' patience on Isa Drive improvement work

The Department of Public Works is requesting the public's understanding and patience on road improvements they're currently undertaking on Isa Drive.

"You may experience slight inconveniences (i.e. construction noise/vibrations, redirection of travel lanes, etc.) related to the construction activities. We will do our best to keep the inconveniences to a minimum," said DPW in a statement.

The daily construction schedule of work is from 7am to 6pm, Monday-Friday with occasional work on Saturday and Sunday. Construction is expected to continue until May 2017 and will be completed in phases.

"We appreciate your understanding while we work to improve the roadway."

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact DPW at 235-5287/9750 or SSFM CNMI LLC (Construction Management) at 233-7770 or GPPC Inc. (Contractor) at 234-7900. ***(PR)***

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VEHICLE SPECIFICATION

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MODEL:	Echo
COLOR:	Gray
YEAR:	2005
MECHANICAL:	4 Cylinder/Automatic/Power Steering and Power Brakes Manual Window
MILEAGE:	73,955
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Money-smart reasons to install solar panels at your home now

By PHIL YORIO
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

I am always asked, is now the right time to install solar energy on my home? Should I wait, solar energy is coming down or is the technology going to get better next year? Believe me now is the time to have solar energy placed on your home. With the price of oil going up again, the instability of the utility, living on an island that relies 100 percent on fossil fuel to generate electricity, now could not be a better time to get solar.

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The solar energy industry also has a lot of programs to acquire solar energy, if you have a tax liability at the end of the year you can take advantage of the direct purchase program where you can offset you taxes by 30 percent dollar for dollar on the contractual cost of the system, you can also get on a program that is called the CNMI Solar for All Power Purchase Agreement Program, where we offer solar energy at zero cost in which we design, procure, install maintain, and insure the system for the whole life of the contract which is 25 years, that's 25 years of hassle-free energy at a lower cost than you would be paying the utility with a free maintenance program for the whole length of the contract that will keep your system in 100 percent optimal condition the whole time. Since under this contract the maintenance is free the only thing you need to do is sit back and enjoy cheaper power.

There are also programs now that offer battery backup storage systems with your solar energy systems, with the typhoon season coming this will be a great program to be on, when the utility shuts down during and after one of these frightening storms you will still have power indefinitely. No need for a generator, no worrying about running out, or where am I going to get fuel at. These systems are also warranted for the whole 25 years of the life of the contract.

So now is the time to get on the solar energy bandwagon, one thing I know for sure the sun will come up tomorrow and is the shining star we need to control our energy future.

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The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is encouraging all employers, business owners, and those in managerial positions to join a Labor Visa Symposium on Tuesday, June 7, from 8am to 12nn at the Pacific Island Club Saipan's Charley's Cabaret.

Lawyers Nelson Xu, Bruce Mailman, and Maya Kara, and IT&E human resources manager Shirley Dotts will be the guest speakers as they cover different topics that is affecting the local workforce right now.

Xu will cover the various types of visa programs and the qualifications for each type; Mailman and Kara will cover strategies for businesses for securing and maintaining a sufficient labor force and possible conversion options.

Dotts will present from the employers perspective, including common misconceptions and mistakes. The presentations will be followed by questions and answers.

We urge you to reserve your seat in advance, as space is limited. The cost is $15 per person that includes light refreshments.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about what visa types are available and how you can maintain a sufficient workforce for your business.

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Glushko's Academy moves to Mt. Carmel School

Glushko's Academy of Performing Arts and Mount Carmel School announced this week that the prestigious ballet and dance academy is moving to the school's campus just in time for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year. Classes at the academy will begin in August later this year.

The move brings together two entities that have long cultivated the performing arts on Saipan.

Glusko's Academy of Performing Arts has established itself as the premiere dance and ballet academy on island. The academy was founded in 2002 by its president Anna Glushko, a recognized prima ballerina from Vladivostok, Russia, who also serves as the academy's principal instructor, choreographer, creative director, and costume designer. Along with Glushko's husband, Dr. Gene Eagle-Oden, founder and president of the Performing Arts Society, Glushko's Academy has held an annual Ballet of the Stars for almost 15 years.

The Ballet of the Stars brings internationally acclaimed ballet professionals from around the world to Saipan to perform alongside local ballerina's trained at the academy. The most recent production was "Sleeping Beauty," which featured local ballerinas performing with Russian ballet stars Alexey Nasadovich and Margarita Rudina.

For its part, Mount Carmel School has achieved distinction in the performing arts with its Theatre Club, which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year and has built a reputation for presenting a diverse array of shows, including plays by William Shakespeare, Disney musicals, and edgy plays like 2015's "The Breakfast Club" and the recent production of "For Realz." These productions also stem from the school's legacy in the performing arts. The school's historic stage is not only where the CNMI Covenant and Constitution were debated and signed, but it's also home to the longest continuously running show on island, the school's annual Christmas pageant.

Given the rich legacies of Mount Carmel School and Glushko's Academy, the academy's move to the school campus is considered by both as a great synergy for the their respective performing arts programs.

As Anna Glushko put it, "This is a very exciting and positive collaboration, that brings excellent opportunities for both parties, has great unlimited potentials and will benefit Saipan's community the most." She added, "We are looking forward to have our new dance studio in such a wonderful, children and art friendly environment of Mount Carmel School."

According to Mount Carmel School president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, "Both Mount Carmel School and Glushko's Academy have a proven track record of staging great shows and supporting the performing arts. Having the academy here on campus will undoubtedly promote the performing arts here at our school and in the broader community."

With this new partnership, both Glushko's Academy and Mount Carmel School also look forward to bolstering the school's "Save the Stage" campaign so that the island will have a state-of-the-art performing arts center that all performing arts groups can use. ***(PR)***

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Right after signing the agreement to house Glushko's Academy of Performing Arts at Mount Carmel School, Dr. Gene Eagle-Oden, founder and president of the Performing Arts Society, Anna Glushko, founder and president of Glushko's Academy, and Galvin Deleon Guerrero, Mount Carmel School president and MCS Theatre Club advisor, gather for a photo in front of the school's Knight mural.

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Rota resident completes Job Corps Program

Barcinas

The CNMI Department of Labor Workforce Investment Agency celebrates Rota resident KC Lynn Barcinas' successful completion of the Job Corps Program.

The CNMI DOL, which serves as the Outreach and Admissions Office for the USDOL Job Corps Program, enabled Barcinas to pursue her Certificate of Completion for the Hospitality Culinary Arts Program at the Hawaii Job Corp Center Waimanalo campus and be certified under the American Heart Association for First Aid CPR AED along with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) in General Industry Safety and Health.

According to DOL Secretary Edith DeLeon Guerrero, Barcinas was also recognized for her leadership skills and received achievement awards in reading, perfect attendance, and dorm leadership.

DeLeon Guerrero adds that, "Job Corps is a self-paced program and KC Lynn was able to complete the Culinary Arts Program in 14 months. As part of her training, she was involved in the preparation of meals for various events such as the Annual Fun Run for the Arthritis Foundation, Fire Fighter's Foundation, Hawaii Food Expo, and the University of Hawaii football events."

Barcinas plans to pursue a career in Culinary Arts, while serving as a member of the United States Navy.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, and the CNMI Department of Labor Workforce Investment Agency congratulate Barcinas on her success and wish her the best on her next career journey. ***(PR)***

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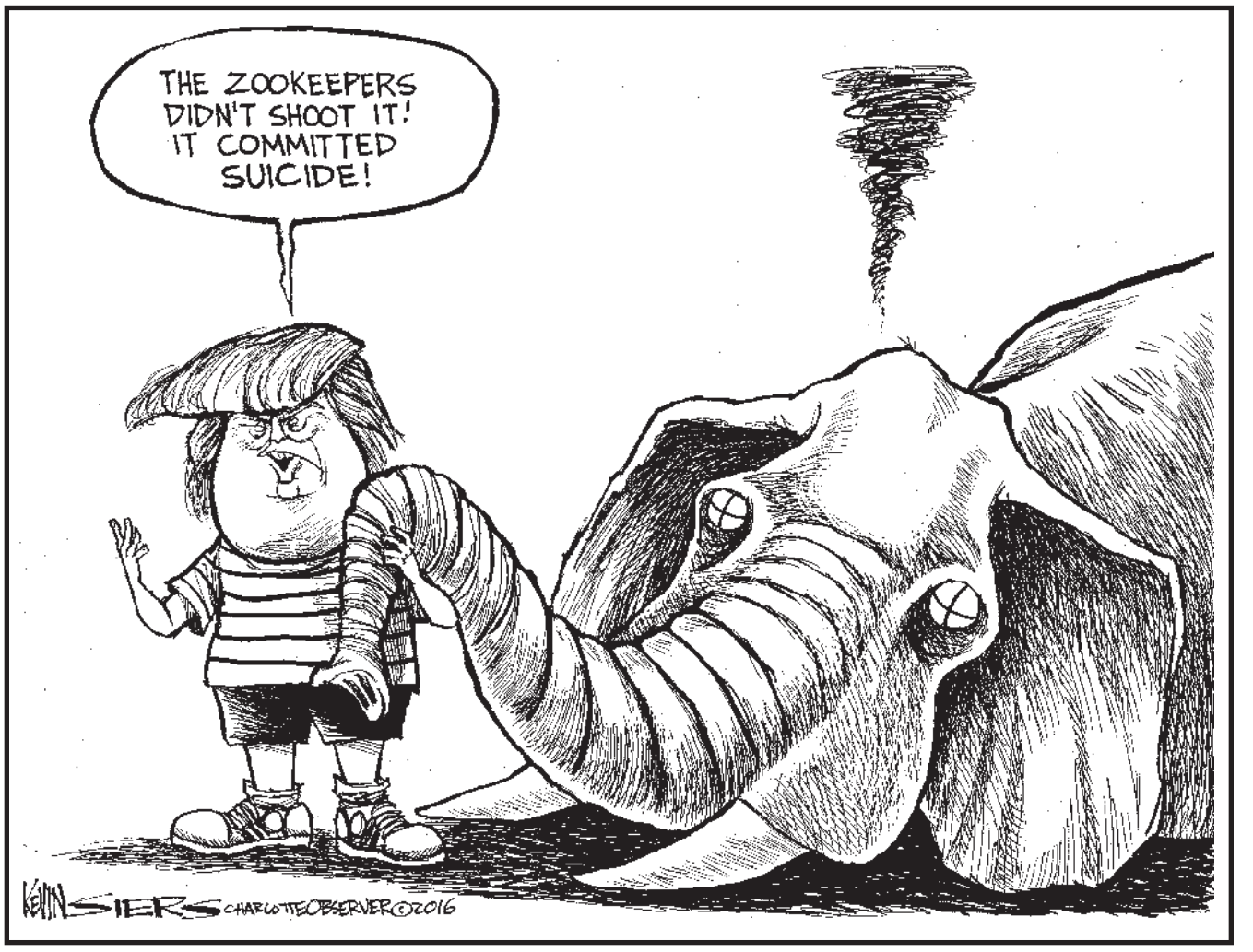

Beware of hidden fees and charges imposed by restaurants

CONSUMER CORNER

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Have you been surprised by service charges on your restaurant bill or bar tab? Our office has received complaints that some businesses have been tacking on hidden service charges to consumer bills. While service fees are not outright prohibited, establishments must disclose them to consumers.

The Commonwealth Consumer Protection Act prohibits businesses from engaging in practices that are unfair or deceptive to the consumer. It is unfair for a business to impose undisclosed service fees. To properly disclose fees, the establishment must post conspicuous notice of any fees. Notice can be provided by a standalone sign or in the establishment's menus, so long as it provides reasonable notice to the customers.

Be sure to review your bills for fees and other improper charges. If you notice a fee or charge for which you were not provided notice, raise the issue with the business. If you are not able to resolve the matter with the business, file a consumer complaint with our office. Complaint forms are available at the Civil Division on Capitol Hill or you can request one via email to cnmiconsumercounsel@gmail.com.

There have also been complaints of rounding charges. "Rounding" occurs when a business adds an additional charge to your bill to make the total amount an even number. For example, if your total bill was $15.94, the restaurant would impose a rounding fee of $0.06 and charge you a total $16. This practice is unfair and deceptive—businesses cannot charge you more than (but they could charge you less than!) the price listed on their menus. If you are charged a rounding fee, raise the matter with the business and file a consumer complaint.

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'What's in it for me?'

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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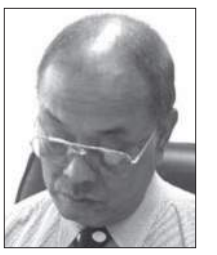

We learned in grammar school simple arithmetic like one plus one equals two. It's simple addition that stayed the same until recent past. Now, it's one plus one equals three or better yet, "what's in it for me?"

Two years ago, senators and representatives from Rota and Tinian voted to revive the casino industry on Saipan. They did so fully aware that back home their people approved of the same industry by a majority vote. Why then a vote to revive an industry that becomes a heavyweight competitor against your own? Where did you drop common sense and sense of reality?

Could senators Francisco Borja and Jude Hofschneider, and Biktot Hokog provide satisfactory answers on their lamed vision of the instant death of the local industry? You revived what Saipan has shot down twice while burying your very own industry? Where did you drop your sense of perception? You slammed the padlock against your own door of opportunities for your people.

How much revenue are your municipal governments generating annually? Are these funds appropriated via the Hokog Resolution form? Is it sufficiently funded thus your deathly action to kill the casino industry at home?

You traveled extensively under the cover of "public interest" when it's all politics. This has firmed up your expertise on air transportation. In this connection, what have you done to bring in direct flights into Tinian to support the industry? Or do you still need more globetrotting?

Would casino survive on either island now? Did your legislators overlook the fact that Saipan is endowed with all the amenities and infrastructure needed for a successful gaming industry? Briefly, Saipan has a fully functioning international airport, and basic infrastructure though major improvements are needed up ahead and other services. This is where visitors land first before heading elsewhere.

There's the lure of Managaha visited by more than 80 percent of all visitors who land here. Why bother visiting another island nearby? Was this information under your belt when you voted to kill your own industry? So what kind of an economy did you expect by playing a major role in its embryonic death and economic dystopia?

Appalling why open the floodgates to instant bankruptcy neglecting the future of the young folks you represent who would someday return in search of meaningful jobs at home. Is joblessness your vision of their future? Why kill the goose that is supposed to lay the golden egg?

Gee, didn't know you guys have already introduced dyscalculia—a disorder understanding simple arithmetic—when we can't even cure affluenza—waltzing with rich business cronies—as to trash the interest of "we the people." Your people deserve an answer! Ready to accept the troubling question, "what's in it for me?" Your arrogance, if not, ignorance or both are despicably appalling!

Without a mandate: Politicians turned a legal opinion into a holy grail ascending into the two top positions on the hill without a mandate. I mean how do you move into the second post (lt. governor) with only 400-plus votes like in the case of Rota's Biktot Hokog? How do you take the first post without the consent of voters from Tinian and Rota? The missing part of the equation is exactly what I mean by the need for a mandate from "we the people."

To accept the AG's opinion as constitutional doesn't resolve the issue with finality. It still raises the most important issue of the people's "mandate." Were you ever voted by the electorate with full understanding of instructions of their aspirations and concerns? You only relied on a legal apparatus that still doesn't grant you the right to claim the recurring theme of a "vacuous mandate." Why continue victimizing the people of their rights with your arrogance and political greed? Isn't it time to humbly call for a special election?

From the outset you missed staying constitutional. Sorry, didn't mean to hurt your brains with my persistence on this and other related issues. If I have to litigate it I will!

Difficulty at home: The NMI never had the courage to defend its fragile economy when the feds moved in to takeover control of immigration. Half-cocked officials dismissed it as an issue solely the purview of the apparel industry.

Garment manufacturing is history. U.S. Public Law 110-229 is here permanently. It has triggered panic in every sector of the NMI. So much for vision! The feds have sovereign rule on this issue, like it or not.

Be that as it may, it would be quite difficult seeking reinstatement of local immigration control. But it should have dawned on

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The measure of measuring

By ED STEPHENS JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Here's Goodhart's law: "When a measure becomes a target, it ceases to be a good measure."

There's a lot juice in that statement. The sentiment is hardly rare, but Goodhart's law managed to bottle it. I wish I found it on the shelf earlier. Back in corporate life, I've probably written 10-page explanations and given 15-minute lectures in meetings that tried, and failed, to express the same thing.

I had more success presenting the concept in other environments, such as when I worked as a flight instructor. Student pilots often struggled with this measurement thing. For example, if you tell a student to maintain a certain airspeed, their eyeballs can almost bore holes in the airspeed indicator with their laser focus. Meanwhile, other measurable parameters, such as heading, altitude, propeller RPM, manifold pressure, and so on, start deviating from where they should be.

Measurement per se isn't the problem, but measurement that lacks meaningful context can be a trap.

Of course, for a student pilot, grappling with such matters is a learning experience. They eventually get in synch with the bigger picture, and they learn to get seemingly contradictory parameters to work in harmony with each other. When this stuff finally flows together, it's an "ah ha!" moment. All those measurements that seemed so hard to chase in the past have finally become safely tamed and duly obedient.

Although the "ah ha!" seems simple theoretically, and, heck, it is simple theoretically, there's no way to get there with just theory. It takes actual hands-on practice to get there. The learning occurs as an experience. Having an experience, and "knowing" something from a book, are not the same thing.

Moving away from flying, I'll pull Saipan's hotels into this gig, since I see the same factors in play. If you think about your favorite hotel in Saipan, you'll consider that whoever is managing it is juggling a mixture of things that can be measured and things that can't be measured.

In the measurement realm, hotels have accounting software, and various metrics for operational matters, and various indexes and ratios for financial measures, and so on.

But there's other stuff that's important and that can't be measured. You can't quantify how inviting the lobby is, how friendly the service is, how enjoyable a guest's experience was, or what general impression the market has of your hotel's brand. Sure, you could ask people to rate such things, and that might be a good idea, but it's a tacit admission that these things can't be directly measured.

This is why good hotel managers get a lot of respect. They have to have a head for what the numbers say and also a mind for what people feel.

Well, now that I've gone from flying stories and down to the hotel lobby, I might as well saunter to the beach, plant my chair, and kick off June with a very cool thought indeed.

Here's the thought: The most important things in our lives probably can't be measured at all.

If you'd like some academic backup for such an assertion, I'll offer this ancient Chinese wisdom:

"Good reckoning does not use counters."

We can't place a value on our family, for example. The value is usually so high there's no number for it, and there's no index for measurement.

And for all the talk about happiness, there's no way to measure it that I'm aware of. Some studies solicit self-reported data, but, again, that's just evidence that we're dealing with something that can't be directly measured on its own.

An economist might say that happiness is that which is increased when a person is able to indulge a preference. This makes sense at one level, yet on another level I think we've all seen cases where indulgence leads to what looks like unhappiness. I guess we're talking about definitions here, not really measurements, so, well, never mind.

Moving back to Goodhart's law, I think it is worth minding. It seems like modern life generates more and more measurements to throw at us. It's up to us to determine how valid these measurements really are.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

He who learned but does not think, is lost

It is another episode of Ambrose M. Bennett's comment that triggers an urge to engage in earthly discourse. The self proclaimed high IQ of 139, and educated BA and masters anointed intellectual once again drifts on a raft without a sail trying to go up river. A sight without vision, and listening without hearing are the same, and that applies to Ambrose Bennett. If any intellectual and good writer as that of Ambrose Bennett's writing style, has it occurred to this genius that a P.S. (post script) in a letter format has ended since the last typewriter was melted for scrap metal?

It settles quite convincing by this alone that the old saying: Thousands of geniuses live and die undiscovered either by themselves or by others and they don't know it. Ambrose Bennett drifts more to writing that banks on his syntactic and semantic markers in his prose, but we can remind this lad the paradox: He who learned but does not think, is lost. And, he who thinks but does not learn is a great danger. If Ambrose Bennett thinks that marijuana is good, that is the point he should be leveling in his discourse. If he thinks that the MV *Luta* issue is flawless and lawful, he should be addressing that too. His diatribe on both issues only shows how unintelligent he is. Keep your genius and superior intellectual prowess to its full value, and we will keep our stand how you map out and fulfill the fool that you are. Let me just give you a caveat that: It is not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog that matters. So, far we invite you to keep your momentum, and that is the liberty to your own sad downfall.

Francisco R. Agulto
Kanat Tabla

Voices

You want your voice heard and you ask me how you can speak. You said you cannot write well and you are afraid to talk. You fear that other people, especially your employer will not agree with you and it will cost you your job.

Well my friend, fear will bring you nowhere. At the end of the day, I can guarantee you that it is better to do something to alleviate your situation than not do anything at all. This is the time. We are at the point where more than any time in the past, every single voice counts.

Here is what I think you can do. Do you have Facebook or any other social media account? I'm sure you have. Use it as a tool. These days, issues are won using those platforms. Encourage your friends and family here and off island to share, post, and comment about the CW issue. We want more people to talk about our dilemma on social media.

Another thing is to support those people, business organizations and everyone who are on the frontline fighting for us. Encourage them to continue to help you by remaining to be good and productive members of the CNMI community.

I know it is easier said than done but if you will not stand up for yourselves, who will? I challenge you to do your share no matter how big or small it is. Only then can we say that we are doing something.

Irene Nepomuceno
Puerto Rico

See you on June 7

On May 24, there was a hearing on my daughter Carmelita Guiao's case. The question is whether the case was decided by following all the juridical basics and technicalities required.

If you remember she got sentenced for 20 years for a hate-love fight with her then lover. On the pages of our local newspapers, so many times and so many ways, I have been demanding, I was pleading for our leaderships', specialists', goodwill people's attention to this so unfair sentence.

For a long time, there was no response at all. First, nobody cared why her sentence is so out of proportion. As if they did not to know that her precedent may get applied to every CNMI women sooner or later. I thought there would be no hope to hope for. I thought my daughter, mother of five, would spend the most mature part of her life in prison and her children would be scattered all the time. The sufferings in the prison, she has had to endure hard times that are difficult to explain in words.

But, thanks to the Lord, we survived Soudelor and other disasters in our land and in our lives! Now, we have a slim hope for justice. A person decided, on his own time and resources, to shoulder me a deep elderly on my efforts to see my daughter's burden lightened, at least! He submitted an appeal in behalf of Carmelita! Our bows to him!

On the May 24 hearing, a group caring for justice from Grace Assembly headed by Pastor Fatilofa, noble lady Rosario Ibanes from Aperum International Ministry, and many nice souls were present. My sincere thanks to all of them!

The next hearing is scheduled on June 7, 2016. All the people caring and hoping that my daughter finally gets justice are welcome to attend. Especially, CNMI Women's Association, human rights watch groups, just caring goodwill women, people with human dignity and integrity who can see clearer the danger of undeserved harshness toward woman law violations, please do not stay on the sidelines! Let us unite in appealing Carmelita's case! Let us ask the honorable judge to consider the matter one more time with a fresh look! Let us fight together to make our beautiful islands an ever more just island.

I'll see you on June 7, 2016 at our Superior Court at 10:30am!

Teddy Guiao
Lower Navy Hill

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the NMI that its labor needs is an internal issue. USCIS has no business justifying our end of the stick. It's our duty to do so. We missed the boat once again.

I'm hoping that Obama would find the time to listen to the NMI on this issue. Understood that it's an issue that could only be disposed by a sovereign country. In this case it's our national government or the great US of A. Nonetheless, there's the human side to this issue that Uncle Sam should endeavor to understand. He needs to be accommodating given that immigration goes in tandem with labor.

Spouts that we are "shocked" are no longer shocking. It's humiliating!

901 Talks: The impending economic disaster from denial of foreign workers has risen to such height it requires higher-level discussion beyond the U.S. Department of Interior.

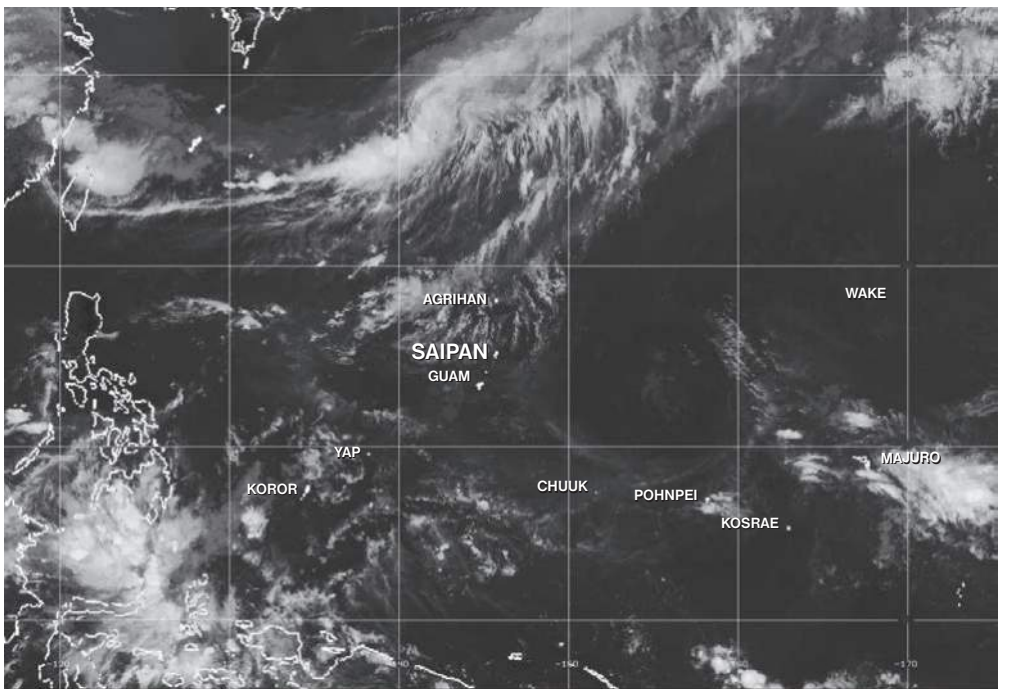
In other words, the governor must take the issue directly to the White House and present the central issue of economic devastation or annihilation unless the president grants reasonable time to plan for our needs based on a set of plans. It's the next step to rescuing the economy before it is too late.

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲89° ▼79°	▲89° ▼79°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00 PM, THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2016
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front southeast of Okinawa extends from 25N140E to beyond 24N130E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are along and up to 100 miles northwest of the front. Converging southeast to south winds northwest of the Mariana Islands are triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms within 75 miles of a line from 17N138E to 24N149E. Low-level convergence is causing scattered showers between Koror and Yap within 75 miles of 8N136E. A few showers are also near Sonsorol at 5N132E. farther east. Scattered showers just south of Pohnpei are within 30 miles of a line from 6N157E to 6N159E. A trade-wind disturbance near Majuro is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms within 100 miles of a line from 9N169E to 7N174E. Patchy areas of showers are also near and east of Butaritari and tarawa mainly between 6N and 1N from 172E to 180.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲87	▼81
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲90	▼80
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼80

Around the Globe

Auckland	Sunny	▲60	▼42
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	▲86	▼65
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲91	▼84
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼71
London	Partly Cloudy	▲61	▼49
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲86	▼62
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼78
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲60	▼42
Miami	Thundershowers	▲88	▼77
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲73	▼61
Osaka	Sunny	▲78	▼63
Paris	Showers	▲61	▼54
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲81	▼62
Rome	Thunderstorms	▲69	▼60
Salem	Cloudy	▲75	▼54
San Francisco	Sunny	▲68	▼53
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼62
Tokyo	Windy	▲76	▼62
Washington, DC	Cloudy	▲82	▼68

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Tides

Saipan Harbor

12:27 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet
6:17 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet
1:23 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.2 Feet
7:58 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:45 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:45 PM
Sunday	5:46 AM	6:45 PM
Monday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM
Tuesday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:52 AM	4:47 PM
Saturday	4:46 AM	5:47 PM
Sunday	5:42 AM	6:51 PM
Monday	6:40 AM	7:52 PM
Tuesday	7:39 AM	8:49 PM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 10, 2016

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA2924	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:05pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2924/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM
UA2922/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA2922/193	8:40am	10:35pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA2921/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA2921/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA2921/191	1:30pm	8:55am+1	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA2920/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR
UA2920/191	2:20pm	8:55am+1	2, 6 via GUM
UA2928/191	6:05pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2926/191	9:50pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2922/159	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2921/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/2927	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA190/2929	9:55am	9:20pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/2925	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA192/2920	9:45pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM-Rota
UA192/2927	9:45pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA192/2929	9:45pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/2925	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2920	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA184/2927	11:30pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2929	11:30pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA116/2925	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2921	9:55pm	1:00pm+1	3, 6 via GUM
UA116/2920	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA116/2927	9:55pm	5:35pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2929	9:55pm	9:20pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure;ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
6:30AM	6:45AM	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily
1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO POST-SOUDELOR RECOVERY

NMTI students presented with Congressional commendation

The Northern Marianas Trades Institute was paid a courtesy visit by Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) last Wednesday, June 1. The purpose of the visit was to formally hand NMTI students present with a certificate of commendation for the efforts NMTI put forth in the recovery work done due to the destruction caused by Super Typhoon Soudelour. The official commendation was recorded in the 114th U.S. Congressional record on Dec. 15, 2015, recognizing the various community organizations that pulled their resources to give assistance to those in need. NMTI students took part in the recovery efforts by taking an active part in the reconstruction efforts around Saipan.

Agnes M. McPhetres, NMTI's chief executive officer, was present during Sablan's visit. McPhetres said, "It is an honor to have the congressman come over to our campus and hand over the commendation himself. It was also an opportune time for us to showcase our program and discuss some of our ongoing efforts at improving educational services delivered to residents." Sablan's visit was a thrill for the students present for the certificate presentation. One such student was incoming NMTI student, Julian Manglona who said, "I came to register and found myself taking a picture with the congressman. It was my first time meeting him and was pleased to find out he supports NMTI. I'm an incoming high school senior and want to work for the summer. By gaining skills in the hospitality trade, I hope to entice hotel employers looking for skilled workers."

Victorino Cepeda, director of External Relations, also commented, "the visit was like a breath of fresh air."

Cepeda added, "by visiting us and presenting the certificate, it solidified our role as an educational entity in this community. It is a lot more expensive than conventional academics. With his support, we can achieve greater heights for island residents. We are truly delighted to be given such a gesture of recognition." ***(PR)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), sixth from left, presents a certificate of commendation to the Northern Marianas Trades Institute for its contributions in the post-Soudelor recovery of Saipan. At Sablan's left is NMTI CEO Agnes McPhetres.

FOR THOSE BORN BEFORE 1994:

Special Education Records ready for pick up

If you are an individual with disabilities born before June 1994 and received Special Education Services from the CNMI Public School System-Special Education Program, please be advised that the time limit for the retention of your Special Education Records is over and your records are available for you to pick up from the Special Education Office.

The Special Education Office is located at the Capitol Hill Building #1224. The dates you can retrieve your records is from June 6 to 17, 2016, 8am-11am.

If you want your records, please bring with you a valid form of identification such as a driver's license or passport. For inquiries, please contact the Special Education Program at 237-3012/29. ***(PR)***

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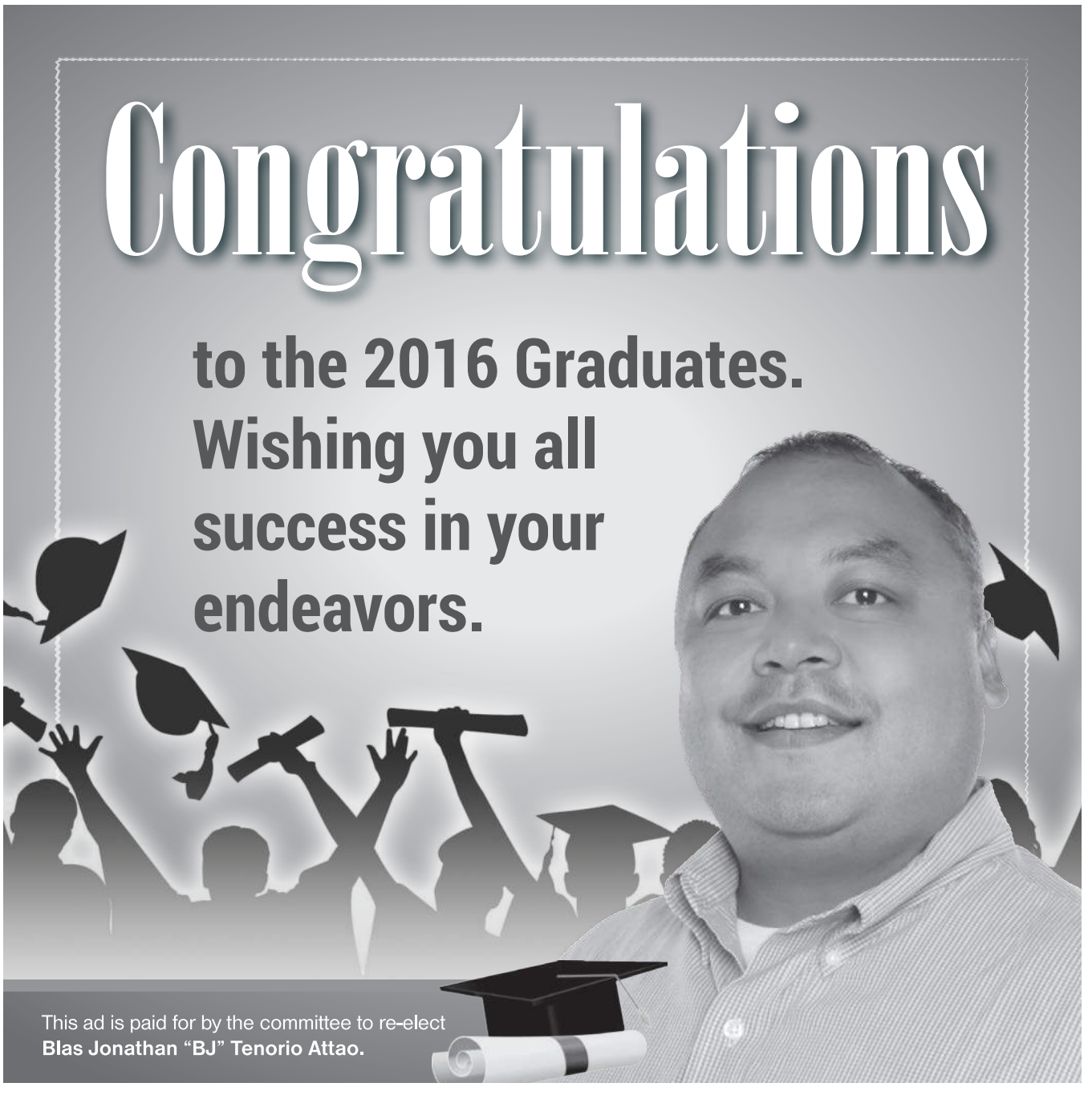
PUBLIC NOTICE

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, June 8, 2016, 12:00 p.m.
Commonwealth Law Revision Commission Office
House of Justice/Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe
Susupe, Saipan

Agenda

1. Preliminary Matters
   a. Call to Order & Roll Call
   b. Meeting Notice (Compliance with Open Government Act, 1 CMC § 9901 *et seq*.)
   c. Final Approval of October 26, 2015 Meeting Minutes
2. Executive Director's Report
   a. Transition & Staff Updates
   b. 2016 Products
   c. Driver's Handbook Act (PL 19-43)
   d. Website Resources
   e. Digital Presence Plan
   f. LRC Budget
   g. Professional Development
3. Old Business
4. New Business
5. Tentative Date for Next Meeting and Adjournment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MVA joins Shanghai World Travel Fair

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The Marianas Visitors Authority joined the Shanghai World Travel Fair on May 19-22, 2016, at the Shanghai Exhibition Center in China.

The Marianas Visitors Authority reached out to 72,000 visitors at the 13th Shanghai World Travel Fair on May 19-22, 2016, showcasing the abundant tourism resources and destination attractions of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Through its Shanghai office, the MVA collaborated with Century Tours and Dynasty Holiday on a joint NMI pavilion at the event. As the leading deals-oriented fair in the Yangtze River Delta region, it attracted over 750 exhibitors from 50 countries and regions, 12,000 trade and media visitors and about 60,000 public visitors to Shanghai Exhibition Center.

"As the MVA shared last week, the Northern Mariana Islands now ranks in the Top 5 in a nation-wide market survey of 'Top 100 Most Desirable Destinations in the World' conducted by the China National Tourism Administration in May 2016," said MVA managing director Chris Concepcion. "This is a nod to both the many appeals of our islands, as well as the hard work of our offices promoting the destination. Our strong showing at the Shanghai World Travel Fair only adds to the message that Saipan, Tinian, and Rota is a beautiful place to visit."

Six performers sent from Saipan to Shanghai demonstrated indigenous dances and authentic Chamorro culture of the NMI. Their presence attracted many professional and consumer visitors and contributed to huge destination awareness during the three-day travel event.

The MVA was also joined by Best Sunshine International, Ltd. and Pacific Islands Club Saipan in meeting potential travel trade partners and promoting their high-end properties. ***(PR)***

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-16-015

NMC 1.0 MG WATER TANK REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Northern Marianas College (NMC) 1.0 Million Gallon Water Tank Replacement in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists of installation of a new transmission line between the new NMC tank and existing Kannat Tabla tank; removal of existing fiberglass tanks, 1.0 Million Gallon steel tank, yard piping, concrete vaults, and all other appurtenances at the NMC tank site; additional boring, design and construction of the new NMC 1.0 Million Gallon pre-stressed concrete water tank and foundation; installation of new NMC water tank piping, valve vaults, control valves, and other appurtenances; installation of a new booster pump (triplex system) with back-up generator at the NMC tank site; construction of a new chlorination station at the NMC tank site; construction of a new perimeter security fencing and facility lighting at NMC tank site; and restoration of existing asphalt concrete road. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 420 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **May 31, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-16-015, Northern Marianas College (NMC) 1.0 Million Gallon Water Tank Replacement** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) June 21, 2016,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. *A Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 1, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, CUC P&S, Administrative Support Assistant – marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ GARY CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

/s/ MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Removal of the Derelict Vessels Lady Carolina and Miss Saipan
CPA-RFP-016-16

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority ("CPA") is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals ("RFP"), and other contract provisions, for proposals from individuals, professional firms, companies and/or corporations to provide removal and/or salvage services to the Commonwealth in the form of the removal of the vessels Miss Saipan and Lady Carolina from the waters of the Commonwealth. The successful proposer shall facilitate the proper removal and disposal of the vessels in their entirety, in compliance with all applicable environmental, safety, and other applicable laws and regulations. Proposers are expected to submit a proposal for the removal of both vessels. Specifically, the vessels are not to be pulled away and sunk in deeper waters, but instead are to be removed from where they lay either by refloating and transporting the vessels for safe disposal or refit or by salvaging them piecemeal for proper disposal upon shore. Removal of the vessels shall also be done in compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This RFP is issued pursuant to Chapter 40-50, Procurement Rules and Regulations of Title 40 of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (the "NMIAC"). Title 40, including Chapter 40-50-225, Request for Proposals, is applicable to the process followed by the RFP.

The Proposal Package is available for pick-up beginning May 25th, 2016 at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.

The pre-proposal conference is schedules for 10:00 AM, June 17, 2016 at the Seaport Building Conference Room, Port of Saipan. Al proposers interested in submitting a proposal shall attend to gain additional information about the vessels.

Questions and/or clarifications shall be directed to the Executive Director's attention through email at cpa.admin@pticom.com at least 5 days before the scheduled pre-proposal conference.

Proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: Proposal for the Removal of the Derelict vessels Lady Carolina and Miss Saipan, Project No. CPA-RFP-016-16.

Proposal submission must be received by the Office of the Executive Director, CPA at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd floor, Arrival Building no later than 2:00 PM, July 8th, 2016.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so, would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Chairman/Contracting Officer

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES
FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
TSA RECAPITALIZATION PROGRAM
EXPLOSIVE DETECTION SYSTEMS REPLACEMENT
PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-006-16

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Design Services for the removal and replacement of the U.S. Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Explosive Detection System (EDS) equipment at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport

The project is being funded by TSA. This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package. Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, June 3, 2016, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. A/E design experience in similar scoped projects in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island – (35 points);
2. A/E Design experience related to projects funded in whole or in part by the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) – (25 points);
3. The general reputation of the Consultant in terms of quality of A/E work experience and services performed for AIP projects, and the Consultant's professional integrity and competence – (15 points);
4. Capacity to accomplish the work within the contract time - (15 points); and
5. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal – (10 points)

Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, JUNE 17, 2016.** Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Send information to:

Ms. MaryAnn Q. Lizama
Executive Director
Commonwealth Ports Authority
P.O. Box 501055
Saipan, MP 96950-1055

For the Commonwealth Ports Authority:

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: May 13, 2016

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Department of Community and Cultural Affairs
Office of the Secretary
Caller Box 10007, Saipan, M.P. 96950 Tel. 664-2576 • Fax. 664-2570

CHILD CARE and DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) PROGRAM
Open for New Applicants CNMI Wide

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DCCA) Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Program will conduct pre-eligibility assessments in the CNMI for **new families who are working, going to school or in training**. A total of 100 slots will be available CNMI wide. Priorities for eligibility will be set as follows: 1. Low Income Families Children with Special Needs 2. Homeless Families with Children 3. Families with very low income.

Pre-eligibility assessments will be done at the following locations, date, and time:

Location	Date	Pre-Eligibility Assessment Time	Submission Location, Dates and Time	Last Date to Submit
Saipan Multi-Purpose Hall, Susupe	June 20, 2016 Cue Numbers for Pre-Eligibility #1 to #50 only	8:00a.m. to 11:30a.m.	June 23 to 30, 2016 8:00a.m. to 3:30p.m. CCDF Office Bldg. N0. 1347 Capitol Hill, Saipan	July 1, 2016 12:00p.m.
Saipan Multi-Purpose Hall, Susupe	June 21, 2016 Cue Numbers for Pre-Eligibility #51 to #100 only	8:00a.m. to 11:30a.m.	June 23 to 30, 2016 8:00a.m. to 3:30p.m. CCDF Office Bldg. N0. 1347 Capitol Hill, Saipan	July 1, 2016 12:00p.m.
Saipan Multi-Purpose Hall, Susupe	June 22, 2016 Cue Numbers for Pre-Eligibility: #101 to #150 only	8:00a.m. to 11:30a.m.	June 23 to 30, 2016 8:00a.m. to 3:30p.m. CCDF Office Bldg. N0. 1347 Capitol Hill, Saipan	July 1, 2016 12:00p.m.
Rota and Tinian	To be announced	To be announced	To be announced	To be announced

Process:

- Cue Numbers 1 to 150 will **only be** distributed on Monday, June 20, 2016 to applicants with documents as listed below.
- Holders of Cue Numbers 1 to 50 will be accommodated for Pre-Eligibility on Monday, June 20, 2016,
- Holders of Cue Numbers 51 to 100 will be accommodated for Pre-Eligibility on Tuesday, June 21, 2016
- Holders of Cue Numbers 101 to 150 will be accommodated for Pre-Eligibility on Wednesday, June 22, 2016
- Cue Numbers will be called in order each day beginning 8:00a.m. and will stop at 11:30a.m.. If an applicant is not present when his/her cue number is called, CCDF will continue calling the rest of the Cue Numbers. Applicants who are not present at the time their cue number is called will be placed at the end of the last number for that day and will be called accordingly.
- Due to the requirement of CCDF to process applications in a timely manner, CCDF will only be able to accommodate cue numbers on the day they are scheduled.
- Please inform a CCDF Staff if you have special needs so that CCDF will make accommodations for you.
- You must have with you your Cue Number on the day of your Pre-Eligibility Assessment Schedule. No Cue Number, no Pre-Eligibility.
- All parents should bring the necessary documents as noted below to be accommodated for pre-eligibility. Documents should contain the information as identified in the listing below.

For Pre-Eligibility purposes, the following documents must be presented:

A. For Full Time Students or in Training with Zero Income:

- Valid Applicant Identification Card with Picture
- School Documents such as acceptance letter and/or class schedule
- Must be enrolled full time (12 credits)
- If attending ABE must provide letter from ABE Office indicating that the student is considered full time
- In Training: must have documents indicating a minimum of 40 training hours bi-weekly
- Distance Learning must address the following: the distance learning institution is recognized and accredited by the US Department of Education (htt://ope.ed.gov/accreditation), the parent or legal guardian is formally enrolled in the institution, has an educational plan, projected graduation date, identified course-work hours that need to be completed every month, quarterly, or semester

B. For Full Time students with income:

- Valid Applicant Identification Card with Picture
- All requirements under letter A plus
- Three (3) latest check stubs **showing**: Applicant's full name, business name, hours worked (a minimum of 60 hours bi-weekly), hourly rate, and gross monthly earnings for applicant and co-applicant
- Most recent 1040 Tax for year 2015 for both applicant and co-applicant

C. For working parents:

- Valid Applicant Identification Card with Picture
- Three (3) latest check stubs **showing**: Applicant's full name, hours worked (a minimum of 60 hours bi-weekly), hourly rate, and gross monthly earnings for applicant and co-applicant
- Most recent 1040 Tax for the year 2015 for applicant and co-applicant
- For new employees: Contract, Employer Certification of date to start, work authorization (such as CW 1, CW Receipt, EAD if applicable)

Once an applicant has gone through the Pre-Eligibility Process he/she may be provided the application. The applicant completes the application and submits the Full Requirements as stated below keeping in mind the due dates for submission.

Full Requirements

Applicant of Household

1. Three (3) latest check stubs each parent or legal guardian (if legal guardian, must provide copy of Court Documents)
   a. Applicant's Full Name
   b. Business Name
   c. Hours worked (minimum of 60 hours bi-weekly)
   d. Hourly Rate
   e. Gross Monthly Earnings

2. A copy of valid Identification Card for each parent or guardian
   a. Passport
   b. CNMI Driver's License
   c. Mayor's ID
   d. CW 1, Employment Authorization Document (EAD), Employer Certification indicating start of work
   e. Social Security Card

3. A copy of your most recent 1040 Tax for the year 2015 for Applicant and Co-Applicant
4. Residency: Provide one of the following:
   a. House Rental/ Mortgage
   b. Utility Receipt
   c. Telephone Receipt
   d. CW 1, EAD, CW Receipt, Any document indicating CW 1 petition has been submitted

5. Map To Residence

6. Employment verification (CCDF Form)

7. Training/Education Verification
   a. Letter of Acceptance from Institution
   b. Full time student
      i. Twelve (12) Credit Units
      ii. Letter from ABE indicating full time status
      iii. Distance Learning Requirement
   c. WIA Documents
   d. NMTI Documents

8. Notarized Affidavit indicating (CCDF Form)
   a. Parent is single
   b. Child Support Statement

9. Status: CW1, EAD

Child/Children Household member:

1. A copy of Birth Certificate for each child (Child must be a US citizen or a qualified alien, as defined in Personal Responsibility Work Opportunity Act (PRWORA)
2. A copy of US Passport
3. A copy of Social Security Card
4. Social Security (SSI) Statements (if applicable)
5. Individual Educational Plan (IEP) or Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) (if applicable)

Income Eligibility

Family Size	Income Level
1	$1884.00
2	$1884.00
3	$2192.00
4	$3224.00
5	$3798.00
6	$4372.00
7	$4945.00
8	$4419.00

/s/ Maribel S. D. Loste, CCDF Administrator

/s/ Robert H. Hunter, DCCA Acting Secretary

Completed applications along with the required documents should be forwarded to the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Program Office Building No. 1347 Ascension Court Capitol Hill. **Incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

For questions regarding the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Program please call any of the CCDF Eligibility Specialists at 664-2575/664-2589/664-2576.

Funding from the Office of Child Care, US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Oleai, Saipan, MP 96950

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Building Safety Code Division under the Department of Public works would like to inform the general public particularly the engineering firms and the building contractors in the CNMI that Subchapter 155-10.1 of the Building Safety Code Rules and Regulations clearly specifies the following:

§155-10.1-120 Site Plan: There shall be filed a site plan showing the scale, size, and location of all the new construction and all existing structures on the site, distance from lot lines and the established street grades; and it shall be drawn in accordance with an accurate boundary line survey. In the case of demolition, the site plan shall show all construction to be demolished and the location and size of all existing buildings and constructions that are to remain on the site or plot. The building safety official may waive the requirements of this section when the work involved is of a minor nature.

Now, therefore, effective Monday, June 6, 2016 all plans submitted to Building Safety Code Division of the Department of Public Works shall include Site Plan as prescribed in the aforementioned **Article §155-10.1-120**. The site plan or commonly referred to as Civil Plans shall contain the following information before the Building Safety Official initiate review and issuance of building permit.

The Civil Plan or Site Plan shall contain the following:

1. As-Built drawing the existing features within the site and surroundings as may be deemed necessary.
2. Setback measurement with respect to the lot lines and government right-of-way.
3. Finish floor elevation in reference to the street or roadway elevation or grade.
4. With the exception of single family residential unit, include layout and number of parking areas (stalls) and show intended vehicular movement within the parking area as well as ingress and egress.
5. Required applicable standard traffic signs within the project.
6. Grading and drainage plan including driveway connection to the public right-of-way showing its gradient.
7. Location of existing utilities and the proposed point of connections.

/s/ CASIANO M. BOSTRE, P.E.
Building Safety Official

/s/ PETER P. CAMACHO
Acting Secretary of Public Works

Li'l Hands holds 10th annual recital

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Performers pose for a group photo following Li'l Hands Music School's 10th Annual recital entitled, "A Post Mother's Day Tribute: A Mother's Love…Infinity and Beyond" held last May 22 at the Taga Hall of Saipan World Resort.

Li'l Hands Music School marked its 10th Annual recital entitled, "A Post Mother's Day Tribute: A Mother's Love...Infinity and Beyond" last May 22 at the Taga Hall of Saipan World Resort.

The event was made possible by the students, parents, guardians, and friends as well as Li'l Hands' major sponsors: ITE, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Micronesian Brokers Inc., KFC and Taco Bell, Townhaus, Paradise Dental Center, Triple R Pacific Motor Shop, Coconut Scanning Services, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, RNV and PNB, Joe Hill Law Office, 9-Eleven Resto Bar, 3HIres Designs, and Saipan Computer Services.

Special thanks also go to Aldrich Delos Santos, Sonia Kroul, Irene Cruz, Ramz Production, Teddy Guiao, J.D. Guiao, and Susan Bernardo.

For the past 10 years, Li'l Hands has led its students step by step through the basic piano/keyboard fundamentals. Music has played a big and important part in each young generation's lives, which provide them an enjoyable learning.

This allows the students to progress smoothly and easily toward playing in some of the more advance keys as well as playing some of the great works of piano literature. Li'l Hands believes that to become a performer one should have the freedom to express oneself musically as long as it is within the boundaries of good musicianship and taste. ***(PR)***

CIP PROGRAM OFFICE, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS

Provisions of Architect and Engineering Services for the 702 CIP Project Management Services RFQ16-GOV-119

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Office, (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed proposals from Architects and Engineers to provide Project Management Services for designated Federally Funded Projects, for FY 2016 – 2017.

Procurement procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, or latest revision thereof. Public Law 15-95 (Local Preference Act) as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Selected Architects and Engineers (Project Managers) will be retained as independent contractors under the General Provision of the Contracting Officer or his designee. Project Managers will act as agents of the expenditure authority on assigned Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) to ensure that identified objectives are achieved within cost, time and legal requirements while maintaining effective stakeholder communications. Selected Project Managers will be retained of a one year contract with an option to renew for an additiional year at the discretion of the Commonwealth. Project Managers include Architects, Civil, Mechanical and Electrical Engineers.

Compensation for Project Managers services will be determined based on the number of assigned projects including payments for appoved staff and expenses. The Commonwealth will negotiate with the selected Project Managers to determine the scope of work and responsibilities. Individuals or firms selected as project managers would be precluded from providing any other services associated with the assigned project(s).

Interested parties may pick up the applicable scope of work (SOW) and submittal requirements at the Office of Capital Improvement Program Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, beginning May 13, 2016 during working hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – (Monday through Friday, except on holiday). Submittal of all qualifications must precisely follow the submittal requirements identified in the Scope of Work and Submittal Requirements.

Selection of individuals for the provision of services shall be guided by the Commonwealth Department of Finance Division of Procurement & Supply, Procurement Regulations § 7070-30.3-305. To qualify, firms must have a valid CNMI Business License, and be currently licensed to practice engineering in the CNMI, and must hold a Certificate of Authorization, if applicable.
Fee estimates will assist the CIP Office for budgeting purposes, but will not be considered in the Firm evaluation scores.

Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330 or the latest version of Standard Forms. Only professionally licensed firms with a valid CNMI business license will be considered. Statement of Qualifications will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1. Past Experience and Performance as a Project Manager – 70%
2. Interview – 30%

Discussions shall be conducted with the top three (3) ranked firms or with all the firms. After a selection is made, negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified firm to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The selected firm will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

Qualifications statements must be sealed and marked "RFQ16-GOV-119", **Project Management Services for the 702 CIP Projects"**. For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the qualifications statement must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP, no later than 9:00 a.m., on June 13, 2016. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 9:00 a.m.., ChST, on June 13, 2016 and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the sealed qualifications statement must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than June 13, 2016, and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 9:00 a.m.,ChST on June 21, 2016. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the sole property of the CNMI government.

/s/ Ralph DLG. Torres
CNMI, Governor

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement & Supply

CIP PROGRAM OFFICE, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

INVITATION TO BID

ITB16-GOV-120
Construction of the Tinian Municipal Transfer Station

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) office, are soliciting sealed bids for the **Construction of the Tinian Municipal Transfer Station**, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package is available at the Governor's CIP Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building on Capitol Hill. A $250.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining a package at the CIP Office on Capitol Hill. **All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.**

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a pre-bid meeting will be held at Mayor's Conference Room on Tinian on June 3, 10:00 a.m. followed by a site visit to the project site. All inquiries regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. Saipan local time on June 8, 2016 to the CIP Program Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Building, Capital Hill, Saipan or via email to esb.cip@gmail.com (Elizabeth Balajadia, P.E., Project Manager) or fax (670) 664-2408. All responses to inquiries will be shared will all prospective contractors.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB16-GOV-120".** For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, June 17, 2016. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, June 17, 2016, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than June 17, 2016 and must be received no later 10:00 a.m. than June 28, 2016. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office Building No. 1301, Ascension Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m., ChST, June 28, 2016. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will open at 2:00 p.m. Saipan local time, on June 17, 2016.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:
a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract. Acceptable assets are only:
1) Cash
2) US Government Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is Two Hundred Ten (210) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of *(i)* Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) per day, or *(ii)* two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by 210 calendar days, the contract time and will be accessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ **Ralph DLG. Torres**
Governor

/s/ **Herman S. Sablan, Director**
CNMI Procurement & Supply

Life & Style

Hot Pot No. 1 finally lands on Saipan

Pop star Ren Quan and his circle of friends' love for Sichuan hotpot led to the opening of Hot Pot No. 1 in early 2014 in Beijing and soon the restaurant expanded into a chain.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Hot Pot No. 1 is located in the same building as Sunshine Café along Coral Tree Avenue in Garapan.

From Beijing Hot Pot No. 1 has now arrived on Saipan with the help of Brian McKenna who has years of international experience as a chef, restaurateur, and now consultant. Hot Pot No. 1 uses quality fresh local produce as much as possible.

Conveniently located in Garapan, the island's tourist and commercial center, Hot Pot No. 1's Saipan outlet is open daily from 10am to midnight. The simple décor and a relaxed atmosphere makes it a perfect all-day dining venue welcoming both locals and tourists alike and creating a comfortable home-away-from-home for Chinese visitors.

Although the concept and the menu are similar to the chain in Beijing, special signature dishes have been created for Saipan, showcasing what the island has to offer. The coconut soup for example is exclusive to the Saipan menu only due to the nature and specific tastes of these coconuts. Special coconut beverages are also offered to match the surrounding tropical environment.

Soups can be ordered as three different types in one pot, or just one soup base per pot and include the following flavors—hot and spicy, mushroom, borscht, and coconut paradise and are priced from $25 to $35. Each soup comes with four different ingredients with a wide range available, including Angus short rib, pork, parrot fish, grouper, Australian scallop, lobster tail, shrimp, and much more, these are priced between $5 and $46. Menus are available in both English and Chinese.

Hot Pot No. 1 is located in the same building as Sunshine Café along Coral Tree Avenue in Garapan.

Chinese hotpot has a history of more than 1,000 years. A simmering metal pot of different flavored stocks, whilst placing different ingredients into the pot (meat, seafood, dumplings, leafy vegetables, and mushrooms). The cooked food is usually eaten with a dipping sauce and is a popular winter-time supper meal across China. ***(PR)***

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our Chong-Muna children on your accomplishments! We are all proud of you. Greeting from Mom, Dad, Michaelle, and Jarrod. Congratulations to Joaquin "Kindu" on your commissioning as second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and for graduating from the University of Guam with your Bachelor's degree.

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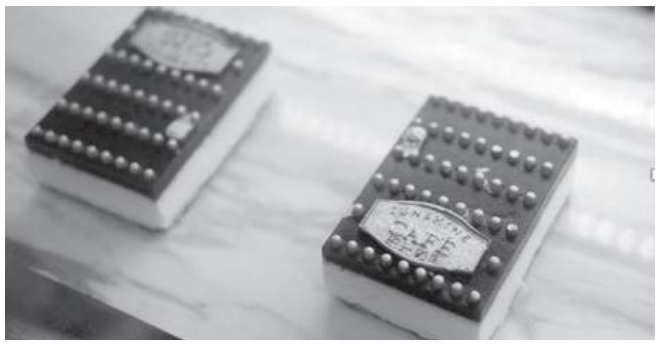
Congratulations to Michael Thomas for graduating from Kagman High School.



One of Sunshine Café's signature desserts. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The home of comfort dessert food

Sunshine Café is a casual, fast-service coffee shop situated in downtown Garapan on the island of Saipan in the CNMI.

The café features a full menu of moderately priced "comfort" food specializing in cakes and other sweet delights influenced by Brian McKenna who has years of international experience as a chef, restaurateur, and now consultant. With his last 10 years spent in China, his desserts showcase Chinese elements, but always respecting time-honored recipes from around the world.

Targeting an up-scale non-pretentious dining market, the venue features freshly brewed (specialty) coffees and espresso-based beverages, cold pressed juices, fruit smoothies and milkshakes, as well as other drinks typically associated with a coffee shop.

A decadent dessert bar serves a wide range of freshly homemade specialty desserts and other small treats to be enjoyed at a bistro table, in the lounge area, or on the patio and the savory counter serves up refreshing salads, sandwiches, and other café-like comfort dishes.

The welcoming and relaxed atmosphere and the colorful interiors make Sunshine Café a perfect spot for a quick bite or an espresso while enjoying island life. ***(PR)***

COMMONWEALTH
ZONING BOARD

AMENDMENT

Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting Agenda
Thursday, June 09, 2016
5:00 PM, Zoning Board Conference Room
2nd Fl., Joeten Dandan Commercial Building
Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • www.zoning.gov.mp

A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of 05/12/16 meeting minutes
5. Public Comments (not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)

B. Public Hearings

Conditional Use Application #2016-1779: Marianas Christian Church is proposing to construct and operate a church facility. This use is classified as "Church or place of worship" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This proposal is located on Lot 005 H 29, along Chalan Hagoi in Susupe. This area is zoned as Village Residential.

Rezone Application #2016-1729 (Change of Zoning District): Saipan Globe International Group Ltd. is requesting to rezone Lots 001 B 42, 008 B 16, 008 B 22, 008 B 23, 008 B 24, 008 B 48, and 008 B 50 in San Roque from "Village Residential", "Village Commercial", and "Rural" zoning districts to "Tourist Resort" zoning district to develop a hotel resort. These lots are located on the south and southeast of San Roque Middle School, as well as on the north and northwest of the San Roque fire substation.

Additional lots which may be proposed for rezoning includes all lots situated north of the former Plumeria Resort and south of the Kensington Hotel, and westward of Chalan Pale Arnold.

C. Communications
D. Old Business
1. None

E. New Business
1. Election of Board Officers
2. Office Operations Reports (Permits, Enforcement)
3. Proposed changes to the Zoning Fees

F. Executive (Closed) Session
G. Miscellaneous
a. Other Matters
b. Announcements
c. Next Meeting

H. Adjourn

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogumoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

COMMONWEALTH
ZONING BOARD

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
for Marianas Christian Church

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Marianas Christian Church is proposing to construct and operate a church facility. The use is classified as "Church or place of worship" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This proposal is located on Lot 005 H 29, along Chalan Hagoi in Susupe. This area is zoned as Village Residential.

Date : June 09, 2016
Time : 5:00 pm
Place : Zoning Board Conference Room, 2nd Fl.
Joeten Dandan Comm'l Bldg.

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 4:30 pm, June 08, 2016. Please send written comments via e-mail to Therese.Ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.
For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013.

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed Amendment to the Official Saipan Zoning Map (Rezone)
for
Saipan Globe International Group Ltd.
DBA: Saipan Michael Hotel

The Commonwealth Zoning Board is seeking your comments on the following proposed amendment (rezone) to the Official Saipan Zoning Map. Saipan Globe International Group Ltd, dba: Saipan Michael Hotel, is requesting to rezone Lots 001 B 42, 008 B 16, 008 B 22/ 23/ 24, 008 B 48, and 008 B 50 in San Roque from "Rural," "Village Residential," and "Village Commercial," zoning districts to "Tourist Resort" zoning districts. The applicant wishes to construct and operate a hotel & resort facility. These lots are located west of Chalan Pale Arnold, north of the former Plumeria Hotel, and south of San Roque Elementary School.

A public hearing will be held on:

Date: June 9, 2016
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Zoning Board conference Room, 2nd Flr.
Joeten Dandan Comm'l Bldg.

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/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman

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AFFILIATE OF SHRM SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

The NMI Society for Human Resource Management: Where we stand.

The Northern Mariana Islands Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management feels that it is important to speak out on behalf of its members and the employers and employees that they represent regarding the employment situation in the Commonwealth. When we say "employment situation," that is a much broader topic than just the CW-1 cap problem that we presently face. We are referring, of course, to the recent meeting the limit for 2016 CW-1 worker approvals, and the notice that existing workers and their families must depart the CNMI within ten days from visa expiration, regardless of length of service, the needs of the employer, U.S-citizen kids, rental leases, new car loans, age, health or other problems.

First, before addressing this situation, an introduction – the NMI Society for Human Resource Management is an association of the Commonwealth's human resource professionals, its HR Directors, Managers and Staff, who provide an essential link between management and employees – accountable to the employer for assisting in the effective management of its resources and to the employees for ensuring that the employment agreement between the company and its employees is fulfilled. The present CW-1 cap situation that we presently face is a problem for both the employers and the employees.

We knew the cap was there – it's in the regulation and it's announced annually by the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security. We never came close to the cap before and didn't give it much thought. Our worry was about the CW program ending in 2019 and the possibility of long-term workers being required to leave. Suddenly, we're shocked with the announcement that long-term and key employees -- and their families -- will have to leave now and throughout the summer in 2016, not in 2019. We thought they were protected and that, even if the cap were reached, the denial would be for the new workers, not those we had worked with for 10-15-20 or more years. Our first reaction was to blame USCIS for not giving the existing workers priority over new petitions. That was wrong. They couldn't deny a valid request for a visa because of an assumption that an existing worker would be extended. USCIS' system, it appears, is to start counting new approved visa and extensions from October 1 up until it reaches the cap. This is a logical way to do it, but it doesn't give consideration or priority to long-term workers. As a result, we have the sad situation that we face now with friends and co-workers, and their families, being required to leave the Commonwealth with short notice and no prior planning on their part or their employers.

So what can we do about our immediate CW problem? This is a situation that, even though it causes significant difficulty to both employees, and their families, and to employers, is in accordance with U.S. law and regulation. What can the employees do? What can the Employers do? What can SHRM do?

• In all cases, work with the CNMI Government, our Congressional Representative, and the federal government agencies to find a means of retaining our workers and their families within the CNMI in a lawful status, preferably in a work status, until they can be re-petitioned or approved on October 1, 2016.

• Recognizing that this situation will occur again next year, work with our Government Officials at all levels to find some way of preventing it.

• Knowing that the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (CNRA) will not work and that there is an immediate need for a growing number of workers in the CNMI economy, not a decreasing demand, work with our Government Officials at all levels to find a long term solution. The law was passed at a time when the CNMI economy was in a decline. That's not the situation now. The CNMI economy is now expanding. Because of the upswing in investment in the Commonwealth, the demand for skilled and unskilled labor presently outpaces the available labor pool. The law no longer fits our situation and, if not amended, will be disastrous for the CNMI.

• Make sure that our Governor, our Congressman, our Legislature and all other officials, devoting time and effort to resolving this problem, know that their efforts are appreciated.

What can USCIS do to lessen the impact of this situation?

• What they cannot do is change or act counter to the law or regulation. Changes to the law or regulation are long term and can only be accomplished at a higher level.

• Reconsider the 2016 cap and revise the drop from the 2015 cap to just 1 instead of 1000 considering the adverse effect the 1000 decrease is having on our economy.

• By simply sitting on the petitions, not rejecting or denying them, the regulation provides that the workers would remain in lawful status while the petitions were pending, the recent change to the regulation would allow the workers to work for up to 240 days, which would carry them up to October, at which time the visa could be approved and counted toward the 2017 limit.

• Understand the hardship this unexpected situation places on workers and their families, as well as businesses losing key staff without replacements, and work with CNMI government representatives to find ways to allow these workers and their families to remain in the CNMI and work until they can be counted toward the 2017 limit.

• Know, also, that we appreciate their efforts to work with our Congressman and our Governor to find a resolution to this sad situation.

What can we, as HR Professionals and Employers, do on a longer term basis?

• Ensure that I-129 petition forms are filled out correctly and that workers being hired for second jobs are placed in the proper classification category as concurrent workers (Part 2.2.d) and not as new workers (Part 2.2.a) which will cause them to be counted twice.

• Put CW workers on other visas for which they might qualify. That's H-1B, H-2B, E-2 in some cases, and green cards, both employment and family-based. There are limited jobs that qualify as H-1B specialty workers, but they should be converted where possible to free-up CW visas. If construction and project workers can be petitioned as H-2B workers, do it. Foreign owned companies should explore E-2 visas for key managers and specialist employees. Employment and family-based immigrant green cards lead to citizenship pathways. These actions will provide longer term status and protection for workers and free-up CW slots for growth.

• Continue to increase efforts to hire U.S. citizen workers. Provide training programs. Work with the WIA and co-op programs to get more young local workers experienced and ready for employment. Encourage the return of students and ex-military with internships and management-training opportunities.

• Encourage the CNMI Government to work with USCIS in developing a new system that does provide priority to existing employees' extensions. Support the government in the establishment of an agency that reviews visa requests to ensure that they are requesting the proper visa and will not diminish the opportunities for valid CW use. Work with the CNMI and federal governments to find a post-2019 solution to the Commonwealth's long term employment needs.

•Live up to our responsibilities to those CW-1 employees who must exit by taking responsibility for all costs of the employees' repatriation, as required by the CNMI Labor Regulations [NMIAC § 80-20.1-330 (u)]. Make sure they are aware of the future employment difficulties caused by remaining in the CNMI out-of-status.

• Keep our affected employees informed at all times of their status and legal requirements, as well as what efforts are being made on their behalf.

The NMI SHRM Chapter is an all-volunteer organization established in the CNMI in 1997 with defined purposes of promoting a better understanding of the mutual problems affecting those engaged in human resource work and facilitating the operational effectiveness of human resource professionals. We are now in a situation where those purposes for our organization come fully into play. It's vital that we all work together as HR Professionals and as representatives of our companies to do our best to resolve this situation for both the short and long term, for the present and the future. In the short term it may cost us a bit more, but the steps mentioned above are necessary to prepare for the promising and exciting future that lays ahead for our employees, our businesses and our community.

The NMI SHRM will do its best to assist its Members and Stakeholders, their employees and businesses, the Community and our Government, in any way possible. It has been, and will continue, working with our government Officials to express our concern and offer our support in any way possible.

The 2016 NMI SHRM Board: Josephine Mesta – President, Esther Ada – Vice President, Nhing Reyes – Treasurer, Pina Deleon Guerrero – Secretary, Bertha Leon Guerrero – Member, Ernesto Lacorte – Member, Malou Ernest – Past President & Advisor, Frank Gibson – Immediate Past President

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Voyagers set to present traditional canoe to CNMI

In honor of preserving and perpetuating the art of celestial navigation, voyagers who represented the Commonwealth at the 12th Festival of the Pacific Arts in Guam will present *Makali'i*, a traditional canoe to the CNMI. *Makali'i* was once commanded by the late Master Navigator Mau Piailug between the Micronesian Islands adding to its rich history.

Makali'i with its seven crew and navigator, John Lalogo—nephew of Mau Pialug—voyaged from Satawal in Yap to Saipan late April. *Makali'i* joined other vessels *Remedy*, *Alingano Maisu*, and *E'Mau* as part of the Commonwealth's voyaging fleet to Guam for the opening of the FestPac on May 22. *Alingano Maisu* is under the command of Mau Pialug's son, Sesario Sewralur and grandson Dylan Sewralur. *Remedy* is under the command of Innocenti Eraekaiut,while *E'Mau* is under the command of Wayne Pekalpiy assisted by Atarino Tawerlur.

"I am touched by this kind gesture by navigator John Lalogo, the family of the late Mau Piailug, and the people of Satawal. No words can fully express my deep appreciation for the gift of *Makali'i* for the people of the Commonwealth. I hope that the art of celestial navigation can spark our young generation's interests as it has around the Pacific region," said Gov. Ralph DLG Torres.

The Carolinian Affairs Office under the Office of the Governor invites the community to join the special occasion of the presentation of *Makali'i* from the people of Satawal to the people of the Commonwealth on June 5, Sunday, at 12pm at the Carolinian Utt. ***(PR)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The crew of *Makali'I* and *Alingano Maisu* pose with CNMI government officials during their stopover on Saipan before proceeding to south to take part in the 12th Festival of the Pacific Arts in Guam.

UOG president encourages speaking in Chamorro

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—The president of the University of Guam says Chamorros must learn to speak their language now if they want it to survive.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization included Chamorro on its list of languages in danger of extinction.

Underwood said it's possible for Chamorros to pick up the language, no matter how old they are, but it will take effort.

"It's that simple," said President Robert Underwood last week. He was a keynote speaker at the university-hosted Festival of Pacific Arts Indigenous Language Conference, reported *The Pacific Daily News*. Knowing just a few words in the language isn't going to get the community very far, he said.

"You can't Hafa Adai yourself to a Chamorro speaking community," said Underwood.

Underwood said he heard Chamorro spoken on the streets when he was growing up, but that's no longer true. He has advocated for the traditional language for years and says much of the loss can be attributed to Chamorros thinking that English would help them succeed in life.

He said he learned quite a bit of Chamorro while living in the states because his mother would pretend to not speak English when salespeople came to their home. It was a game he and his mom played, said Underwood, and it helped him learn the language.

Commonwealth Cancer Association
AWARENESS • EDUCATION • HOPE

Cancer Survivors to Celebrate Life on National Cancer Survivors Day

CNMI COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM

Sunday, June 5, 2016

Cancer survivors in the CNMI will unite to show the world what life after cancer looks like. This unique celebration was also celebrated during the recent 2016 Marianas March Against Cancer (MMAC) where survivors took a victory lap, received medallions, and enjoyed the commemorative dinner provided by MMAC, through generous sponsors, volunteers, family members, and the teams, making the 14th annual MMAC event a resounding success.

Hundreds of people in cities across the nation, and right here in the CNMI will hold celebrations on this day to honor cancer survivors and show that there is life after a cancer diagnosis – and it is something to celebrate!
The 5th Commonwealth Cancer Survivors Day (CCSD) is an annual Celebration of Life sponsored by the Commonwealth Cancer Association in partnership with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, CNMI Comprehensive Cancer Control Program. It is the one day each year that we come together to honor everyone who is living with a history of cancer – including America's 14 million cancer survivors. A "survivor" is anyone living with a history of cancer – from the moment of diagnosis through the remainder of life.

CCSD provides an opportunity for cancer survivors to connect with other survivors, celebrate milestones, and recognize the healthcare providers, family, and friends who have supported them along the way. It is a day for cancer survivors to stand together and show the world what life after cancer looks like.

Survivors may face physical, emotional, social, and financial challenges as a result of their cancer diagnosis and treatment. Many are confronted with limited access to specialists, a lack of information about promising new treatments, inadequate or no insurance, difficulty finding employment, and psychological struggles.

All Cancer Survivors are invited to

Celebration of Life Mass
Sunday, June 5, 2016
9:30am - 11:00am
Kristo Rai Church, Garapan

Cancer Survivors Summit/Gala
11:00am - 2:00pm
Sunday, June 5, 2016
Pacific Islands Club
Charley's Cabaret

Please Join Us!

"To say that cancer is challenging is an understatement," "But it is a challenge that millions of people – 14 million in the U.S. alone – 300 plus in the CNMI are overcoming. The CCA & CHCC-NCDB hopes that through National Cancer Survivors Day, we can not only bring awareness to the issues survivors face but also honor for the courage and strength of all those who are living with a history of cancer."

The Commonwealth Cancer Association is encouraging a greater commitment to resolving quality of life issues for cancer survivors. "More resources, patient navigation, and increased public awareness are needed to improve the quality of life of cancer survivors,". "Because of advances in modern medicine, cancer survivors are now living much longer after diagnosis. However, long-term survivorship poses its own unique challenges. We need to do a better job of addressing the hardships survivors face beyond treatment."

Club C has new performers

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

Gerard "Gigi" Almine and Abdon S. Kaipat are two of the new performers who have been entertaining Club C regulars for close to two months now. Almine plays the latest pop songs and popular hits from different decades, while Abdon is more on reggae and island-style music.

They play different genres that cater to specific customers that frequent the Kanoa Resort gaming facility.

Alimine is on stage from 6pm to 9pm every Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays bringing with a variety of music played in his more than a decade experience of being a musician—from being a member of a band to being a solo act. He plays the keyboard and guitar.

Abdon—who has been playing for more than 20 years—showcases his guitar and ukulele skills every Wednesday, also from 6pm to 9pm, with mostly reggae and island style songs.

JON PEREZ

Gerard "Gigi" Almine regularly plays popular pop songs and will get the crowd up on its feet with the latest dance music when he takes the stage at Club C.

JON PEREZ

Abdon S. Kaipat entertains the crowd with reggae music popularized by the legendary Bob Marley and UB40 every Wednesday. He also plays country and blues music.

Both had no formal training in a music school and only learned how to play the guitar, keyboard, and ukulele either from their friends or relatives who also love to sing.

"I just learned to play the guitar from friends. I used to watch them and slowly they taught me. I further learned how to play guitar when I joined a band, and that's where I also started learning to play the keyboard," said Almine.

Abdon, meanwhile, started playing the ukulele and the guitar when he was 13 years old after hearing his uncles. "They were singing and playing the guitar, I heard them and immediately I fell in love with the sound. So, I asked them if they could teach me how to play the guitar."

Alimine began playing with a band in bars in Olongapo City in Central Luzon, Philippines but transitioned to piano at the Lighthouse Marina Resort when he went solo in 2005. "Playing solo was hard at first since I was only a back up when I was with a band."

"When I was with a band I only play in the background but it was totally different when I went solo. I slowly adjusted being a solo act and it gives me the liberty to experiment in some of the arrangement of the songs."

Aside from playing pop songs and hits by artists like the Platters, Elvis Prestley, Paul Anka, and Frank Sinatra, Alimine also knows some Korean and Japanese pieces. "Some of the Korean and Japanese guests are delighted. I have to review with my Mandarin for the Chinese guests."

Kaipat, on the other hand, also adds country, blues, mellow-classic, and slow tunes from his repertoire.

Club C is open daily from 12nn to 4am. For more information or reservation, call 234-0088.

Manta Ray Battalion serves as color guard in Memorial Day

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Manta Ray Battalion's 25 cadets—wreath holders C/CPL Tyanna Sablan and C/CPL Arianne Antonio—with CSM (Retired) Richard Basa, Rep. Larry Guerrero, and Rep. Ramon Tebuteb.

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Cadets lea by C/MAJ Ezekiel Rafanan saluting to the 21-gun salute.

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Posting of the Colors by (C/CSM June Alipio, C/LTC Matthew Kapileo, C/2LT Stephanie Lumbad, and C/SFC Bert Magallano.

Cadets setting up the 50-states flags. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

On May 30, 2016, Memorial Day was held at the Veteran's Cemetery at Marpi. The ceremony began at 9am and ended around 10:30am. There were 25 cadets present from the Manta Ray Battalion, with their Senior Army Instructor, CSM (Retired) Richard Basa.

The cadets were at the event by 7:20am and were setting up the 50-state flags. The well-known Manta Ray Battalion Color Guard Team did the posting and retiring of The Colors. During the remembering of our fallen heroes, cadets escorted their present family members to the final resting place of our fallen heroes. The wreath-bearers were C/CPL Tyanna Sablan, and C/CPL Arriane Antonio, and were assisted by C/CPT Emmanuel Aquino. ***(PR)***

Little can be done to reverse mom's self-imposed travel ban

DEAR ABBY: My parents and I live on opposite coasts of the United States. I have visited them many times over the years. I'd like them to visit me, but my mother refuses to travel. (She is healthy and not scared of flying or traveling.)

At first, she said she didn't have the money, so I offered to pay for the ticket and lodging here in California. Her next excuse was she didn't have the time off, so I suggested she request it months in advance, or travel during her company's annual two-week shutdown. She wouldn't consider it.

My sister, who lives in the South, has had the same problem with Mom. We have told her how it makes us feel and asked her why she won't travel to either of us. Mom just mumbles that she knows how we feel, but she will give us no reason. Even Dad has become fed up with Mom's inertia, so he came to visit me on one trip and my sister on another.

Can you offer any suggestions?

PUZZLED IN PALO ALTO

DEAR PUZZLED: Yes. Accept that your mother may simply be most comfortable in her own environment, and stop personalizing her refusal to travel. Enjoy your father's visits when he is able to come.

You and your sister are good, caring children. But your mother has an idiosyncrasy, and you will have to accept it because you have done everything you can.

DEAR ABBY: I am planning my wedding. It is making me more anxious than I expected. My fiance and I live together and already have many of the items a newly married couple would usually get as gifts. So, as of now, we are not registered anywhere. What is the best way to ask for monetary gifts instead?

ANXIOUS BRIDE IN VIRGINIA

DEAR ANXIOUS BRIDE: While traditionally it is not acceptable to blatantly ask for money—and CERTAINLY not on a wedding invitation—some couples open a bank account to be used for a down payment on a house or a special honeymoon "in lieu of gifts." The information can be conveyed verbally or on your wedding website.

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend bleached her hair blond for a special event, but recently changed it back to her natural black color. She turned me on even more as a blonde, but I'm not sure how to tell her. Would I be out of line to ask her to go blond again for me?

LIKES HER BLOND IN NEW YORK

DEAR LIKES HER BLOND: The time for you to have raved about how much you liked her "new look" was before she went back to her natural color. For someone to go from dark to blond, then dark to blond again can be damaging to the hai—not to mention expensive to maintain.

You can ask, I suppose. But she may not be willing to go along with it. And if that's the case, you're just going to have to love her the way God made her.

P.S. You could buy her a blond wig to wear on "special occasions."

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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Pastimes

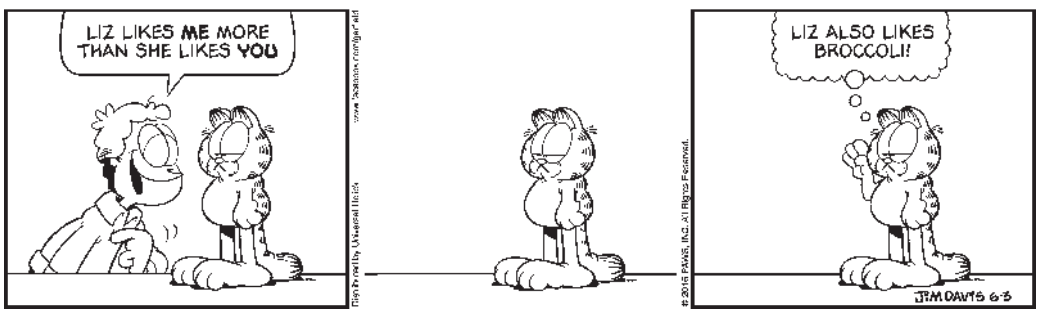
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

OK, MOM, HOBBES AND I HAVE FORMED A LOBBY. WE WANT MORE PRIVILEGES!
MORE PRIVILEGES? LIKE WHAT? YOU'VE GOT IT MADE!
NO RESPONSIBILITIES, NO CARES, NO WORRIES! WHAT MORE COULD YOU POSSIBLY WANT?
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL HER ABOUT THE CREDIT CARDS IN OUR NAMES?
YOU HEARD HER. SHE'S IN ONE OF HER MOODS.

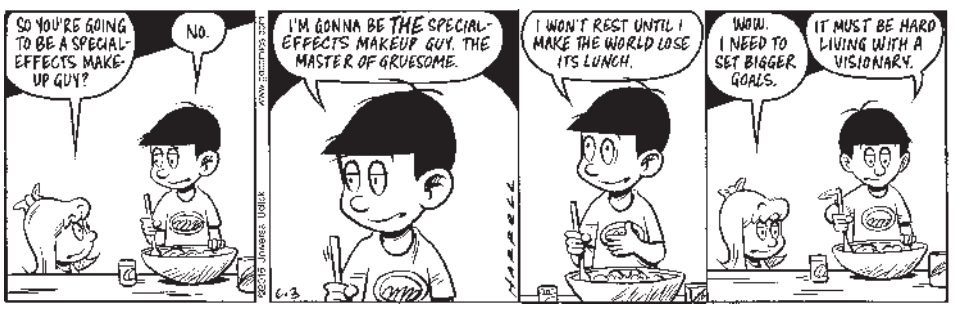
Garfield®

By Jim Davis



Adam@home

By Bryan Basset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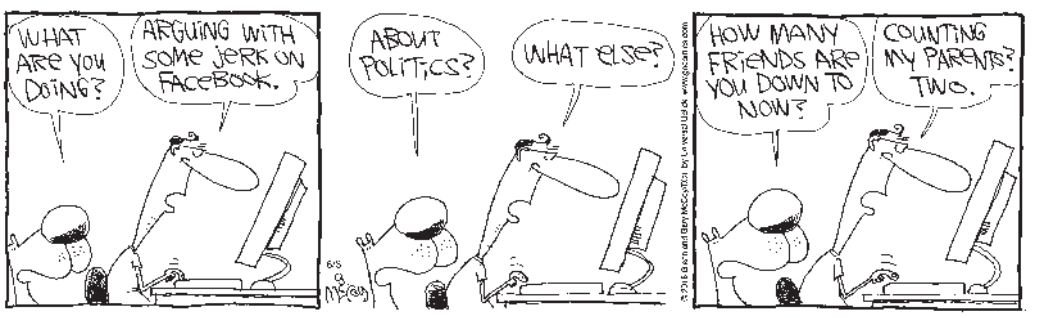
I'M GONNA BE THE SPECIAL-EFFECTS MAKEUP GUY. THE MASTER OF GRUESOME.
I WON'T REST UNTIL I MAKE THE WORLD LOSE ITS LUNCH.
WOW. I NEED TO SET BIGGER GOALS.
IT MUST BE HARD LIVING WITH A VISIONARY.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy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ARGUING WITH SOME JERK ON FACEBOOK.
ABOUT POLITICS?
WHAT ELSE?
HOW MANY FRIENDS ARE YOU DOWN TO NOW?
COUNTING MY PARENTS? TWO.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Resistance unit
4 Gardner of film
7 Zaftig
12 Pod dweller
13 Free (of)
14 Martini garnish
15 Hostel
16 Fuss
18 Popular card game
19 More furtive
20 Artist Chagall
22 "Am — blame?"
23 Pretzel topper
27 Coffee vessel
29 Fuss
31 Mill fodder
34 Crude cabin
35 Fuss
37 Fiddle stick
38 On holiday
39 Buck-eyes' sch.
41 Band boosters
45 Wild pigs
47 Tramcar contents
48 Fuss
52 Spy org.
53 Gantry of fiction
54 Listener
55 "Let me think ..."
56 Lost cause
57 Hot tub
58 Small batteries

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1 Poppy drug
2 Reddish dye
3 Estate house
4 Curved lines
5 Joshua Bell's instrument
6 Fess up
7 Rude dude
8 Last (Abbr.)
9 Noon, on a sundial
10 Egg (Pref.)
11 Gents
17 "Love — Leave Me"
21 Easy, as a job
23 Unstressed vowel
24 Alias abbr.
25 Robitaille of hockey
26 "For shame!"
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30 GI entertainers
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32 Tier
33 Call — day
36 Santa's runway
37 Sack fabric
40 Vaults
42 Coffee flavor
43 — donna
44 Lines of fashion?
45 Duelist Aaron
46 Antitoxins
48 Beer barrel
49 "Xanadu" band
50 LBJ's successor
51 Service charge

Solution time: 25 mins.

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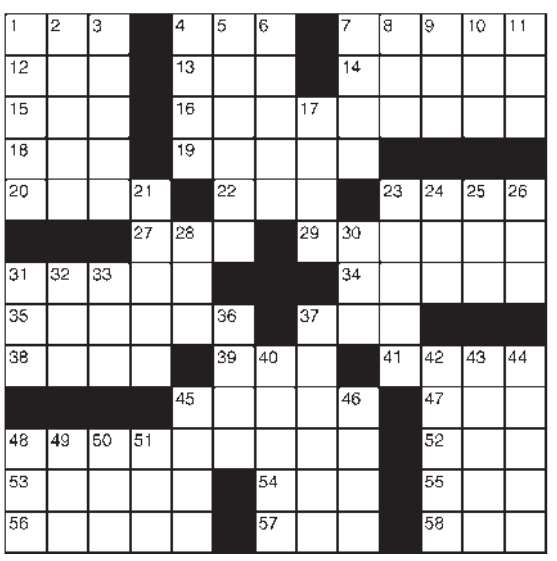
Yesterday's answer 6-3



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Happy Birthday: Work quietly behind the scenes. The less you share about your intentions, whereabouts and prospects, the easier it will be to avoid interference. Don't limit what you can do because of what others might think. Avoid anyone who is a bad influence, and don't get involved in groups that are indulgent or abusive. Be your own best example. Focus inward. Your numbers are 1, 7, 13, 22, 27, 38, 41.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Confidence mixed with your Aries charm will help you persuade others to do and see things your way. Negotiations are favored, along with some personal changes that will enhance your appeal. Romance will bring you closer to someone you love. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Set the pace and be a leader. Speak up about your beliefs and offer options and incentives to those who show interest in what you are doing. Plan a social gathering geared toward having fun and making new acquaintances. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Keeping secrets will lead to suspicion. Express your thoughts openly to avoid a misunderstanding that has the potential to lead to an altercation. Take care of your responsibilities and try to improve your overall health and well-being. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Get involved in groups you believe could use your expertise or work toward a goal you believe in. Your input will be valued and bring you in touch with someone you want to get to know better. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Concentrate on what you can realistically accomplish. A closer look at what you have and what you can discard will help ease your stress and clear the clutter from your life. Look inward and make personal improvements. Love is highlighted. ✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Get out and enjoy your day. Interact with people who have something interesting to offer. Collaborate and you'll come up with a plan that will encourage you to explore your options and gather necessary information. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): You can make personal improvements without going over budget. Cut your costs instead of incurring more debt. Subtle and simple alterations will help you feel motivated to move forward with your life goals. Love is in the stars. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): An opportunity will be too good to refuse. Share your thoughts and partner with someone you know will contribute equally. Express your intentions without hesitation. Show how unique you can be and you will gain respect. Do things your way. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Tread carefully when dealing with friends and family. A problem will develop if you try to do things differently. Avoid travel, dealing with institutions and getting into disputes with people who can put a damper on your plans. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Talk over any personal plans you have with the people closest to you. You can bring about change, but it has to be well-thought-out. Children or seniors in your life will need assistance. Domestic improvements will pay off. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Check out your options. Mix business with pleasure. Host an event or clear a space to work on a new project. Update your look and plan something special for yourself and the ones you love. Recognition and rewards are heading your way. ✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Learn from those with more experience than you and an opportunity will develop that could put you in a good position to advance. A little charm and compassion will help you gain special attention. Don't miss out because someone close to you complains. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are optimistic, inquisitive and perceptive. You are approachable and easily tempted.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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- Perform repair and trouble analysis of VAV and VVT Control Systems
- Perform Computer based Control System

Other requirements:
- Minimum 5-year work experience required
- EPA Section 608 (Certifications required)
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- Must possess good communication skill

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- Repair and service of Chilled Water Air-conditioning System
- Perform repair and trouble analysis of VAV and VVT Control Systems
- Perform Computer based Control System

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- Minimum 5-year work experience required
- 4-year Bachelor of Science degree from reputable College or University
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

JOSE S. RIOS, Plaintiff,	] CIVIL ACTION] NO. 16-0007E
vs.	]
YOO JIN KIM (CHUNG), SAIPAN KOREANA HOTEL, INC., and PACIFIC TOWERS, INC., Defendants	] SUMMONS BY] PUBLICATION

TO: DEFENDANT YOO JIN KIM (CHUNG)
SAIPAN KOREANA HOTEL, INC.
DEFENDANT PACIFIC TOWERS, INC.

Pursuant to the *Order for Service by Publication* entered by the Court on May 17, 2016 (filed May 23, 2016) YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint to Terminate Lease of Real Property and Return Possession, within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Plaintiff Jose S. Rios, whose address is P.O. Box 500107, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

By order of the above Court:

MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

It is the policy of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) to limit hiring to qualified US workers, as restricted by CNMI law, and that equal opportunity be given to all qualified US worker applicants regardless of age, sex or sexual orientation, religion, marital status, political status, veterans status, disability or place of origin.

Opening Date: 05/24/16 **Closing Date: 06/13/16***

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Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

JVA#15-008: **Community Projects Coordinator I**
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Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

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JVA#15-012: **Tour Guide Certification Manager**
Annual Salary: $30,000.00 - $40,000.00**
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Annual Salary: $11,278.940 - $14,388.82
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JVA#16-002: **Special Assistant to the Managing Director**
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Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

*If not filled, the vacancy announcement will be continued and applications will be reviewed every two weeks thereafter until the search is closed. Deadlines that fall on a non-business day will be extended to the next business day.
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Royals top Rays, complete 6-0 homestand

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—The Kansas City Royals will spend the next 11 days on the road after completing their best homestand in nearly three decades.

Danny Duffy pitched six effective innings and rookie Whit Merrifield had two hits and scored a run as the Kansas City Royals beat the Tampa Bay Rays 6-3 on Wednesday night to complete a 6-0 homestand.

The last time the Royals had a homestand of 6-0 or better was June 2-8, 1988, when they went 7-0.

"It feels good. I wish we could stay here another week," said Jarrod Dyson, who had a sacrifice bunt, stole a base, walked, scored a run and picked up his sixth outfield assist.

Duffy (1-0) allowed three runs and seven hits, while walking none and striking out six over six innings, his longest outing since moving into the rotation on May 15.

"It's nice, you have to take care of business at home," Duffy said. "We didn't lose in this series at home. It's huge."

AP

Tampa Bay Rays' Brad Miller is tagged out at home by Kansas City Royals catcher Drew Butera as he tried to score on a single by Evan Longoria during the third inning of a baseball game Wednesday, June 1, 2016, in Kansas City, Mo.

White Sox 2, Mets 1

In New York, relief pitcher Matt Albers doubled leading off the 13th inning for his first hit since 2007 and scored the tiebreaking run, his first in the majors, to help the Chicago White Sox beat the New York Mets.

Todd Frazier tied the score in the seventh with his major league-leading 17th homer for the White Sox, who overcame 13 walks by their pitching staff.

Athletics 5, Twins 1

In Oakland, Danny Valencia had three hits, including a pair of doubles, Billy Butler added two hits and an RBI, and Oakland beat Minnesota to win its fifth straight game.

Jake Smolinski homered, Jed Lowrie singled twice and scored two runs and Sean Manaea (2-3) pitched six innings for his second career win.

Brewers 3, Cardinals 1

In Milwaukee, Zach Davies had a career-high nine strikeouts over eight shutout innings and Milwaukee averted a three-game sweep by St. Louis.

Davies (3-3) allowed three hits and retired 13 in a row to finish the longest outing of his young career before yielding to Jeremy Jeffress.

Cubs 2, Dodgers 1

In Chicago, Jon Lester pitched a four-hitter for his first complete game of the season, helping Chicago edge Los Angeles despite another lackluster night at the plate.

The Cubs finished with just three hits against Mike Bolsinger (1-2) and two relievers after they managed only one in Tuesday night's 5-0 loss to Los Angeles.

Orioles 13, Red Sox 9

In Baltimore, a wild, back-and-forth slugfest turned on a rare error by Boston second baseman Dustin Pedroia, and Baltimore overcame five Red Sox home runs to win.

Matt Wieters had three RBI for the Orioles, who reached a season high in runs without benefit of a homer.

Indians 5, Rangers 4, 11 innings

In Cleveland, Yan Gomes' single scored Lonnie Chisenhall with the winning run in the 11th inning, and Cleveland defeated Texas.

Mike Napoli hit a two-run homer for the Indians.

Tigers 3, Angels 0

In Anaheim, Michael Fulmer took a no-hitter into the seventh inning and completed 7 2/3 dominant innings to lift Detroit over Los Angeles.

The rookie right-hander shut down the Angels a day after they scored 11 runs on 17 hits.

Blue Jays 7, Yankees 0

In Toronto, Aaron Sanchez (5-1) pitched 6 2/3 innings to win his fourth straight decision, Edwin Encarnacion had two RBI and Toronto beat New York to complete a three-game sweep.

Darwin Barney reached base four times and Michael Saunders had two doubles.

Nationals 7, Phillies 2

In Philadelphia, Max Scherzer had 11 strikeouts in eight sharp innings, Wilson Ramos hit a three-run homer and Washington finished a three-game sweep of Philadelphia.

Ramos had three hits and four RBI and Danny Espinosa also went deep for the Nationals.

Marlins 3, Pirates 2

In Miami, Adeiny Hechavarria hit a tiebreaking double in the eighth inning to lift Miami over Pittsburgh.

Marlins starter Adam Conley took a no-hitter into the sixth and tied a career high with nine strikeouts in six shutout innings.

Braves 5, Giants 4, 11 innings

In Atlanta, Freddie Freeman homered leading off the 11th inning to give Atlanta a victory over San Francisco.

Freeman's ninth homer, off Derek Law (1-1), came after Giants closer Santiago Casilla couldn't hold a 4-3 lead in the ninth.

Reds 7, Rockies 2

In Denver, John Lamb overcame a liner off his left leg to throw a career-high seven innings and help Cincinnati beat Colorado.

Lamb (1-3) allowed one run and kept the Rockies in the park a night after they tied a franchise record with seven homers.

Astros 5, Diamondbacks 4, 11 innings

In Houston, George Springer homered with two outs in the 11th inning to lift Houston over Arizona for the Astros' fifth straight win, and third in a row against the Diamondbacks.

Springer hit the first pitch he saw from Tyler Clippard (2-2) off the facade in left-center for his 13th home run of the season and first career walk-off shot.

Padres 14, Mariners 6

In San Diego, Alexei Ramirez homered twice and matched his career high with five RBI, Adam Rosales and Wil Myers also went deep and San Diego routed Seattle hours after Padres executive chairman Ron Fowler strongly criticized the team's poor play.

Ramirez hit a pair of two-run homers and an RBI single. Jon Jay had four hits and Myers finished a triple shy of the cycle.

New Big 3 on a big roll going into Memorial

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP)—Jason Day tightened his grip on No. 1 in the world the last time he played, a wire-to-wire victory in The Players Championship against the best field in golf to claim his seventh big title in the last 10 months.

That was three weeks ago. And in some respects, it seems like a long time.

The following week, Rory McIlroy headed home to Ireland and delivered two perfect shots with fairway metals over the last three holes at The K Club to win the Irish Open for his first victory of the year.

Not to be forgotten, Jordan Spieth won the following week at Colonial with a birdie-birdie-birdie finish—none of them easy—for a victory he badly needed to help erase any lingering disappointment from the Masters.

"I extended my lead for a while," Day said. "And now Jordan and Rory are both closing in on it."

Not quite.

The top three remain Day, Spieth and McIlroy, the same order it has been since Day first went back to No. 1 on March 27 when he won the Dell Match Play in Texas. And the Australian who now lives in Ohio is assured staying at the top regardless of what happens this week.

Spieth offered a different perspective.

"Jason may say we closed the gap. Well, he didn't play," Spieth said with a grin. "The last time he played, he beat the best field in golf."

One thing is certain: The top three in the world are on top of their game going into the Memorial, with the U.S. Open looming two weeks away.

The hype is building for another showdown at a major, just as it was at the Masters. But that never really materialized. Spieth was the only player of the top three who challenged for the green jacket until he blew up on the back nine and Danny Willett closed with a 67 to win by three.

Neither Day nor McIlroy broke 70 all week and tied for 10th.

The debate is whether they really deserve to be called the "Big Three," a moniker first used for tournament host Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Gary Player. That title was more about marketing through Mark McCormack and IMG, and besides, they already had collected a large share of the majors.

But the youngsters—Spieth at 22, McIlroy just turned 27, Day at 28—have made their case. They have rotated at No. 1 since Aug. 10. At one point, the top spot changed hands six times in six weeks. Plus, they have won five of the last seven majors.

Right now, everyone is chasing Day.

"I heard a couple of weeks ago that it bothered Jordan that I was winning tournaments and have the No. 1 spot in the world, and it should," Day said. "It should bother guys who are competitive and want to stay on top as well. There's nothing wrong with being bothered by that. I hope it motivates them just as much as it motivates me to see other guys on top of the world and winning tournaments."

"It's great to see how they've responded so quickly."

Nicklaus was asked about the big three and he quickly mentioned another era - Sam Snead, Byron Nelson and Ben Hogan. He could have gone back to the Great Triumvirate of Harry Vardon, J.H. Taylor and James Braid from the turn of the century—the 19th century—when they combined to win the British Open 16 times over a span of 21 years.

Nicklaus believes a "Big Three" is not far away from being a big number of great players because of the depth in golf, which the 18-time major champion and tournament host says is the strongest he has ever seen.

McIlroy feels the same way.

"The three of us are at the top of the world rankings, but I think it really does the other players an injustice because the fields are so deep out here and there's so many other great young players," McIlroy said. "So just to focus on us three ... OK, we're at the top of the rankings and we've won a few majors between us, but I think it's just unfair to focus on us."

He mentioned Rickie Fowler and Patrick Reed, Dustin Johnson and Hideki Matsuyama.

Warriors feeling calmer going into second straight finals

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—There's a comfort level for MVP Stephen Curry and his teammates this time around on the big stage.

AP

Golden State Warriors' Andre Iguodala goes through drills during NBA basketball practice Wednesday, June 1, 2016, in Oakland, Calif. The Warriors host the Cleveland Cavaliers in Game 1 of the NBA finals on Thursday.

Coach Steve Kerr even senses a calm about the Golden State Warriors as they go into a second straight NBA Finals - a second straight against LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers, no less.

Everything was new last year. There were some serious nerves. Golden State's daily schedule and routine got disrupted, which Kerr called "a bit of a shock to our guys' system."

"I don't think anyone's going to be nervous out there like we were last year," Klay Thompson said.

The 73-win Warriors are fresh off a Game 7 victory against the Oklahoma Thunder that capped a remarkable comeback from a 3-1 deficit, and they hope to roll that momentum right into Game 1 on Thursday night in front of their rockin' home crowd at Oracle Arena.

"I know we're a better team than we were last year, just off experience and what we've been through in this postseason, better equipped to kind of handle the scene of the Finals and all that's kind of thrown at you when you get here," Curry said. "The first time, it's a whirlwind."

Cleveland has its own reasons for these Finals to feel far different from last June. Namely: The Cavs are at full strength as they try again for the franchise's first championship after losing in six games last year.

Kyrie Irving went down with a devastating knee injury in a Game 1 overtime loss to Golden State last year. He is back for the rematch, and power forward Kevin Love is poised for his Finals debut after he missed last year's series because of a dislocated left shoulder that required surgery.

Ask folks in Northern Ohio and they're sure to say things would have turned out differently had those two stars been on the court, and the city's five-decade championship drought dating to the Browns' 1964 NFL title already would have ended.

"I don't really get involved into the whole pressure thing," James said of bringing a championship home to Ohio.

The healthy Cavs, who also added Channing Frye this season, like their chances with Love in the mix. Coach Tyronn Lue has all the confidence in Love.

"It's nice not having to sit there and watch. I mentioned last year that it was very bittersweet. Bitter having to sit there and watch not being able to help, but sweet seeing so many guys that are the main reason we are where we are today stepping up and making big plays," Love said. "That was the sweet part of now being here and being able to play."

Even if he now draws menacing defender Draymond Green and those regular, celebratory muscle flexes.

"Them having all their guys is always going to be a challenge," Green said.

While the Warriors have said all along that this special, record-setting season won't matter in the end if they don't hoist another trophy, they know how much Cleveland wants this. Desperately needs this, in fact, for a city starved of major sports triumphs.

"I think we're stronger at our core, but we're very similar as a basketball team," Kerr said. "They are dramatically different. Obviously they're healthy, but not only are they healthy, they've changed their style. They tried to grind us to a pulp last year playing big, and they were slowing the ball down, slowing the pace down. ... They've got shooting all over the place, and they're playing at a much faster pace. So it's really a much different team that we're seeing."

It's the 14th time in NBA history that the same teams square off in the Finals in back-to-back seasons. And in the Cavs' favor? Six of the last seven teams to lose the Finals the previous year won the next facing the same opponent.

The 2015 Finals were crazy for Green, from the level of play on the court to the stresses off it like taking care of family members in town for games.

"Coming in last year, we had no idea what to expect. All this stuff was like, 'Whoa.' Everything was a shocker," Green said. "You know how to deal with all that stuff now. I think it's more the stuff before the game that you deal with better rather than the game. And then on top of that you know the intensity level that it takes to win an NBA Finals."

Durant not rushing to decide on future

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Kevin Durant has a lot to consider in the next month.

The face of the Thunder franchise since its move from Seattle in 2008 is heading into free agency, and what he chooses to do after July 1 could shake up the NBA landscape.

Durant was the 2014 MVP and is a four-time scoring champion. He led the Thunder to the NBA Finals in 2012, and to the Western Conference Finals in four of the past six years. He recovered from a broken bone in his right foot that cost him much of last season to post one of the best years of his career. At just 27, he is in his prime and capable of being the centerpiece of a championship squad here—or elsewhere.

Durant would stand to make significantly more money if he signs for a year with Oklahoma City, then signs a longer deal with the Thunder the following year.

Two days after the Thunder lost to the Golden State Warriors in Game 7 of the conference finals, Durant ruled nothing out.

"I really haven't wrapped my mind around it since it's so fresh coming out the playoffs," he said Wednesday. "I really haven't thought about next week, moreso than next month or what's going to happen."

With the salary cap going up, many teams will have the money to make a run at him. Washington, Durant's hometown team, recently hired former Thunder coach Scott Brooks, whom Durant has great respect for. Philadelphia's Joel Embiid and Boston's Isaiah Thomas have taken to Twitter in hopes of luring Durant east.

Durant said there will be very little outside influence on his decision.

"I've got to just hear from me and hear what I want, and talk to myself on what I need and how I can make this thing work for myself, and just try to be a little selfish," he said. "Obviously, I'm going to have some advice, but also, I want to make the decision that's best for me."

He said he loves his teammates, and at times, he spoke as though he planned to be back.

"Are we going to work on our game and come back even better, or are we going to be excited about what we did?" Durant said. "Be complacent, or are we going to want more? I think that's the next step for us all - thinking of how we can all be better."

Durant said he doesn't plan on bouncing from city to city as teams try to woo him, stating, "That's not who I am."

"It may seem like I'm not talking and I'm not giving information, but I'm just really trying to make sure I tie everything up properly and make this thing right," he said.

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11 earn wins via sweep in badminton tournament

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Participants in the 2016 Tan Holdings Mixed Doubles and 45+ BC Badminton Tournament pose for a photo after the opening ceremony late last month at the TSL Sports Complex.

Sweeps marked Week 2 action in the 2016 Tan Holdings Mixed Doubles and 45+ BC Badminton Tournament as 11 of the 13 matches over the weekend at the TSL Sports Complex were decided after only two games.

In the mixed doubles A, Jennine Savellano and Deether Edralin downed Ferdie Arago and Lanie Bartolome, 22-20, 21-1, and the winning pair also needed two games to beat siblings Jordan and Janelle Pangilinan, 21-13, 21-17.

Bartolome and Arago bounced back with a 22-20, 21-15 victory over Jaja Bocago and Rodwealth Espana, while the lone mixed doubles A match that went the distance saw Glen Bluutjens and Hannah Choi edging Arago and Bartolome, 17-21, 21-12, 21-18.

In the mixed doubles C category, A.J. Ortega and Merlie Savellano went 2-0, topping Chester Cuento and Roxanne Soriano first, 21-14, 23-21, before defeating Jun and Baby Banadera, 21-13, 21-5.

Cheolho Cho and Hyun Kung Jung also played in the mixed doubles C and won over Henry Ko and Kuen Lee Han, 21-19, 21-14, while Haram and Min Seo Kim handed the latter pair its second loss with a 21-15, 21-17 triumph last Sunday. Gigi Zapanta and Panapa Peteru were the other winners in the division after sweeping Kathy Distor and Rob Harrell, 21-12, 21-18.

In the mixed doubles B, Chris Hilario and Nicole Malasarte made short work of Fr. Charlie Borka and Vilma Reyes, 21-11, 21-18, while Windy Fernandez and Oh Im Bog had a similar two-game victory over Alvin and Anna Alvarez, 21-13, 21-14. The other mixed doubles B tiff last weekend had Patrick Fernandez and Bocago slipping past Christy Villaflor and Celso Agui, 21-17, 10-21, 21-16.

In the lone mixed 45+ BC game, Elna Curate and Northern Marianas Badminton Association president Taeho Kim defeated Villaflor and Tommy Kim, 21-13, 21-19.

Mafia, Darrty are division champs

The 6JMS Mafia II and Naked Fish Ridin'Darrty were crowned champions after beating their opponents in their respective divisions in the season-ending Bud Light Cup of the Winter-Spring 2016 season of the Saipan Electronic Darts Association.

The Mafia and Ridin'Darrty made short work of their race-to-eight finals matches in the Fanihi and Flame Tree divisions.

The Mafia blitzed past the Doro's Dragons, 8-3, with their win highlighted by a sweep of the four matches in the Singles Random Cricket event, while the Ridin'Darrty pulled off an 8-5 victory against the Oleai No Fear.

The Mafia defeated the Doro's Life After Darts in the first round then dispatched the Jokers Preba Darts in the semi-finals to book a ticket to the championship game.

The Dragons each defeated Oleai Team Fearless and 6JMS Ta-Chagi Talo to enter the Fanihi division finals.

In the Flame Tree division, the Ridin'Darrty beat the Jokers Latte Sparts and Jonny's Kyodai on their road to the title match. No Fear followed suit after wins over the Naked Fish-backed squads Na'Gupu and One Shot.

The awards banquet will be held later this month with organizers to recognize the regular season and Bud Light Cup champion teams. The season's top performers in all leagues will also be honored. **(*Jon Perez)***

Darts, billiards leagues get MARPAC backing

MARPAC has renewed its commitment to support the Pacific Amusement-organized tournaments under the Saipan Electronic Darts Association and the Saipan Billiards Association. Bud Light and Budweiser are the title sponsors of the darts and billiards leagues, respectively.

Guy Pudney, general manager of MARPAC, which has been supporting both tournaments for over 20 years, and sales manager James Lee presented the $5,000 sponsorship check to PA GM Jim Gebhardt and league secretary Warlee T. Ellama. The money will cover the administrative expenses of both leagues, including the trophies given every awards banquet. SEDA and SBA grew significantly with the help of MARPAC with players enjoying the camaraderie and friendly competition.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
MARPAC general manager Guy Pudney, second left, hands over the check to his counterpart at Pacific Amusement, Jim Gebhardt, third left, as donation for the upcoming darts and billiards competitions. Also in photo are league secretary Warlee Ellama, left, and MARPAC sales manager James Lee.

Around 3,500 players have participated in both leagues that started in the early 90s. SEDA started in 1993, while SBA began in 1995. Over 300 players from 53 teams joined the last darts season.

Jonny's Bar & Grill, VFW Post 3457, Blue Koi Tavern, Sands Café & Bar, Oleai Beach Bar, Doro's Lechon, Naked Fish Café, 6JMS Sport's Bar were the hosts and sponsors in both leagues last year. 9Eleven Resto Bar & The Warehouse are willing to join next season.

The darts league plays from Mondays to Thursdays and has room for every skill level. The new season will begin in July. ***(PR)***

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competition in Fiji," CNMI coach Jeff Race said in a telephone interview with *Saipan Tribune*.

Lee and Heras were also set to meet Fiji Team 1 in the afternoon match yesterday, while they will duel Vanuatu today at 12pm at the Suva Lawn Tennis Club.

The Top 2 finishers in the two pools will advance to the semis, while the bottom two will fight for the No. 5 to 8 slots in the consolation games. Group A has the No. 1 Australia, No. 3 New Caledonia, Samoa, and Fiji Team White.

"It's great timing that the Oceania Tennis Championships is held before Carol and Isabel go to New Caledonia for the ITF Juniors ranking event," Race added.

After the competition in New Caledonia, Heras and Lee will return to Fiji for two more ITF Juniors ranking tournaments (Grades 4 and 5). Lee is also expected to make it to the main draw of the Oceania Closed Junior Championships and earn more ranking points.

The 14-year-old Lee is currently ranked at No. 621 (singles and doubles combined) in the world, reaching her highest ranking at No. 610 (May 23, 2016) after making it to the quarterfinals of the singles events in the Saipan-hosted 2016 IT&E Northern Marianas Juniors Championships.

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Angeles tallied 559, while Manacop and Dimaano registered 529 and 447, respectively. The Zapanta-anchored team was one of the three squads to make at least 2,000 pinfalls in the event. The two other ones were the foursomes of Manny Tenorio, Lito Teodoro, Ronald Batac, and Roger De Guzman (2,016) and Raul and Ariel Dumapit, Ronald Epan, and Bernard Paraiso (2,003).

In other results, Dimaano and Manacop ruled the doubles contest, while Zapanta clinched the All Events title.

Manacop had a field best 651 (241, 199, and 211) in the doubles and adding Dimaano's 454 (149, 157, and 148), the duo ended up with 1,105 pins, just four more against runners-up Zapanta and Angeles. Zapanta earned 583 (202, 2012, and 169), while Angeles recorded 518 (149, 213, and 156) for their 1, 101. Rusty Musca and Edward Baluyan finished third after combining for 1,085 with the former contributing 496 and the latter having 589.

In the All Events, Zapanta's 1,772 edged the 1,728 and 1,634 of Manacop and Angeles. Baluyan (1,627) and Musca (1,619) completed the Top 5.

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his group and the entire field of 10 runners.

Castillo's fellow U18 athletes—Salvosa and Horey—made it to the podium in the javelin and long jump events, respectively. Salvosa recorded 10.21 meters in the javelin throw to rout Pohnpei's Henry, who registered only 6.77m. In the long jump, the CNMI had a 1-2 finish with Salvosa getting her second gold medal in the tournament after submitting 4.16m and Horey earning her first medal following her 4.06m. Henry was ranked third after posting 3.88m.

Horey also joined the women's U18 100m run and bagged her second medal after clocking in at 13.85 seconds and placing third behind Palau's Iesha Umayam (13.04 seconds) and Pohnpei's Darla Jonah (13.68). Nauru's Enuwudu Dela Justen (13.87), the CNMI's Pinyarat Shankweiler (13.98 seconds), Salvosa (14.01), and Chuuk's Nepeufich Gracel Aunuwa (14.55 seconds) rounded out the field.

Meanwhile, Beo Ngirchongor qualified in the 400m run finals after finishing third in his heat. The Commonwealth runner completed the 400m course in 55.89 seconds and was on Heat 1 along with Chuuk's Benon Kin (54.44 seconds) and Guam's Paul Dimalanta (55.50 seconds). Ngirchongor was the sixth and last qualifier in the finals race, which will take place today, and is joined in the medal round by Heat 1 winner and Pohnpei's Henry Casey (52.10 seconds) and runner-up Matthew Pangelinan (53.56 seconds) and Heat 3 top placer Gwynn Uehera (54.68 seconds) of Palau.

In other results, Ben Jones and the three CNMI bets in the discus throw missed the medal podium. Jones timed in at 11.78 seconds in the 100m qualifying race to place at No. 14—only the Top 7 advanced to the medal round with Palau's Rodman Teltull eventually ruling the race after logging 10.55 seconds. In the discus, Nick Gross was the best finisher for the CNMI at fifth with his 32.20m throw. Gross' teammates, Sylvan Rangamar (27.90m) and Daniel Joab (24.99m) were ranked seventh and ninth, respectively, while Guam's Justin Andre (41.15m) took the gold medal.

Inaugural Frank M. Diaz Memorial Youth League U18 Playoffs

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The Ol'Aces' Ignacio Borja blows past the defense of Kagman Riserz's Mel Sakisat during their title game in the U18 division of the Inaugural Frank M. Diaz Memorial Youth League last Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Kagman Riserz's Mel Sakisat scoops in a layup in front of two Ol'Aces defenders.

The Ol'Aces' Atan Aiferson challenges two Kagman defenders in this fastbreak play.

Rollers Blue's Seth Alonzo drives against 670 Sonics' Jester Kintaro.

Kagman Riserz's Andrew Palino goes up for a left-handed layup.

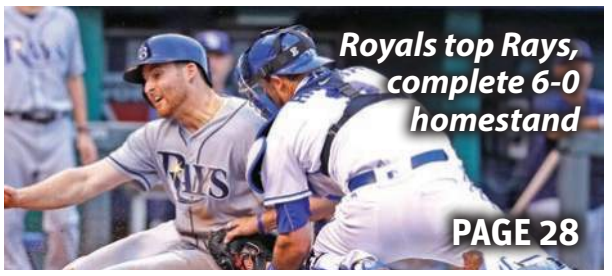
Rollers White's Jethro Cruz, center, is fouled by the Ol'Aces' Ignacio Borja during the third quarter of their quarterfinal game.

The Ol'Aces' N-Nes Siech picks up a loose ball at Kagman's court.

Kagman Riserz's Roke Tenorio, left, pulls up for a running shot against the Ol'Aces' Greg Sablan.

670 Sonics' Djay Ong takes off for a layup against the Ol'Aces' Jerald Castillo, left, and Atan Aiferson.

Rollers White's Warren Ellama, third right, loses possession after colliding against the Ol'Aces' N-Nes Siech.



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CNMI strikes 4 golds in Pohnpei

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The CNMI gained four gold medals in the opening day of the 2016 Micronesian Athletics Championships in Pohnpei.

Zarinae Sapong, Jerald Castillo, and Chloe Salvosa delivered the golds for the Commonwealth, which also earned one silver and one bronze in Day 1 of regional competition.

Sapong topped the women's open 100m run after clocking in at 13.35 seconds. She defeated two Chuuk runners, Maria Carmella Robert and Sinsina Kau, who logged 13.75 and 14.03 seconds, respectively, to settle for the silver and bronze medals. Pohnpei's Lerissa Henry (14.06 seconds), the Marshall Islands' Ilania Keju (14.08 seconds), Chuuk's Milly-Ika-Lady Britt (14.41 seconds), and Pohnpei's Daimontra Pual (DNF) were the other participants in the sprint race.

Castillo also ran in the 100m event (for men's U18 division) and ruled both his qualifying heat and the finals. In the finals, the Marianas High School student submitted 11.37 seconds to prevail against Pohnpei's Mitchell Marrino (11.44 sconds), Jaynar Arnold (11.69 seconds), and Ilaija Dali (11.99 seconds), Chuuk's Lino Mason (12.06 seconds), and Palau's Adolph Speng Demei Jr. (12.25 seconds) and Keilan Kenny (12.29 seconds). The CNMI runner was on Heat 2 of the qualifying race and his 11.38 seconds was the best in

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Men's U18 100m race gold medal winner and the CNMI's Jerald Castillo, center, is joined by two Pohnpei runners during the medals presentation in the 2016 Micronesian Athletics Championships yesterday in Pohnpei.

Lee, Heras compete in Oceania tennis tourney

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Isabel Heras is in Fiji with Carol Lee and playing for the CNMI in the 2016 Punjas Oceania Tennis Championships.

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The CNMI is competing in the 2016 Punjas Oceania Tennis Championships for the first time with Carol Lee and Isabel Heras representing the Commonwealth in the tournament being held in Suva, Fiji.

The regional contest started yesterday with the team event and the two-player Commonwealth squad is in Group B along with the second-ranked Fiji Team 1, fourth-seeded Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu. Lee and Heras were scheduled to challenge the Solomon Islands bets in the first game in pool play yesterday at the Victoria Courts Tennis Club, but results of their matches were unavailable at press time.

"I wish Carol and Isabel well in the tournament. It's another great exposure to them and I am sure they will be facing a lot of tough

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Angeles tops May Masters; Zapanta nears 300

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Raymond Angeles ruled the men's singles event, while Raymond Zapanta flirted with a perfect game in the 34th CNMI May Masters Tournament held over the weekend at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Angeles bested 29 other participants in the men's singles contest after collecting 626 pins in three games. He started slow with 173 in Game 1 before coming up with 200-plus pins in the last two games (244 and 209) for a 9-pin win over Melvin Aldan (617). Angeles posted the winning scores last Saturday when he returned to SBC after a fifth-best 557 (183, 183, and 191) total during the opener of the competition last Friday. Bowlers were allowed to play on both days of the tournament, but only the higher score was counted.

Joining Angeles and Aldan in the Top 3 was Robert Talavera, who had a three-game total of 583 pins. Talavera registered 185 and 193 in the first two games to boost his chances for the men's singles crown, but dropped to third after getting 205 against the 266 of Aldan. Aldan's scores in the first two games were 200 and 151.

After securing the men's singles win, Angeles added another trophy to his collection as he prevailed in the team event. He was with Simon Manacop, Ador Dimaano and Raymond Zapanta and they compiled 2,184 pinfalls to finish ahead of seven other squads.

Zapanta led the winning quartet with his 649 pinfalls, including a near perfect Game 2 (299).

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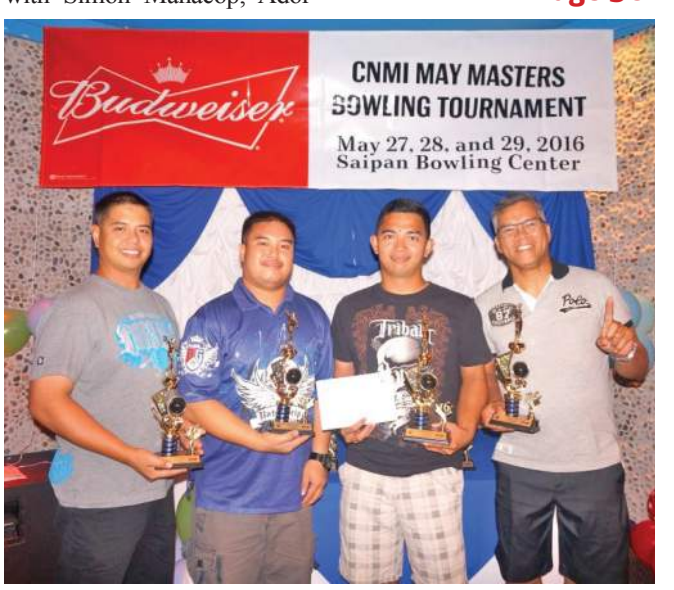

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From left, Simon Manacop, Raymond Angeles, Raymond Zapanta, and Ador Dimaano pose with their trophies after winning the team event in the 34th CNMI May Masters Tournament held over the weekend at the Saipan Bowling Center.